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## Preface.



THE Publishers of this History owe it to themselves, as well as their Readers, to give a Word of Explanation regarding the Dress in which it appears. It was their first Impression that the Work would be nearly unintelligible in the Orthography of the original Manuscripts, and they had, therefore, considerable Hesitancy in complying with the Wishes of their respected Townsman, Mr. C. Cadmus, who insisted with some Warmth that, if printed at all, it should be without Alteration. He informs us that in the Country of which he writes, the Standard of Orthography has been fixed by a certain learned Society, having the Oversight of such Matters, and he scarcely feels at Liberty to deviate from the Mode of Spelling which they have established. We found after reading a few Pages of the Work, that it was not so difficult as it at first appeared. The chief Peculiarity seems to be the

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accenting of the Vowels, a, e, i, o, u, to give them a long Sound, after the Manner of the ancient Saxons, who used the Accents in such Words as wráth, wéstē (waste), frí. (free), flór (floor), rúm (room). We perceive, also, that c stands for ch, as it did among the Saxons, who wrote cild for child, hwile for which. They likewise employed a single Character, a peculiar Kind of d, to represent the sound of th, and it is a curious Coincidence that a similar Letter is here used for the same Purpose. Perhaps we may find in these Circumstances a Clue to the Time and Place in History to which the Events here narrated belong. Mr. Cadmus does not inform us when or where he obtained the Documents used in compiling his Narrative; whether they are of remote Antiquity or recent Date, or what was the Language in which they were originally written. But from his Partiality for the Saxon Orthography, and from Resemblances, here and there, indicating Connection with the Language, Thought and Customs of our early Ancestors, we have a strong Suspicion that this singular Record pertains to some Branch of the Saxon Family, and that it is a Description of one of those terrific Contests for which that warlike Race has ever been famous. But on this Subject we would not speak positively. We merely throw out the Suggestion for the Consideration of the Reader, whom we leave to form his own Conclusions after he has completed the Volume.



## Magnus Mahárba.

### CAPTUR L

**A** SMÖLL PLANET IN  
wun ov ae stári klustorz on ai outur már-  
jin ov ae yúnivers woz ae sín ov ae transak-  
çunz rikorded in ae folóin péjez. Díe okurd  
about siks aouzand yírz aftur dat orb bigan tu bi  
típld wiç raçunal intelijensez. Ci egzakt píriud,  
akordin tu aér rekniñ, hwen ae Blak Dragun kom-  
enst his wor upon ae gud kiñ Magnus Mahárba,  
woz A. M. VDCCCLXI. Nou A. M. iz aér abrívieçun  
for Anno Manni, or Anno Mundi, signifaiñ yír  
ov ae man-wurld. For ae inhabitants supóz aér-  
wurld tu hav bin méd out ov ae ruinz ov sum formur  
wurld, jujiñ from ae riméñz ov hidius reptilz, enor-  
mus frogz, lizardz, dragunz and uaur monsturz hwic  
ae hav found imbeded in ae roks, swomps and  
aluvial dipozits. Cíer ár at prezent on ae planet  
a klas ov monoméniaks, kold jiolojists, hú spend

aér laivz in digiñ up and asortiñ aóz disagráabl krícurz, and kalkélétin æ píriudz ov antikwiti in hwic æé respektivli fluriçt. For ai amúzment ov yuñ pípl, aíz émiabl enatúziasts publiç kúrius buks fild wiæ outlandiç pikcurz ov æ vérius goblin formz aat kröld, krept, swam or sórd, amuñst æ konfúzd and woriñ elements, in æ fogi dòn ov kriéçun.

Hweaur æ Blak Dragun woz wun ov ai orijinal príhúman inhabitants, hú bái a rimárkabl tenasiti ov laif had survaivd æ revoluçunz aat swept òl ai uaúr praimíval okúpants intu kéos, or hweaur hí woz a muçrúm produkçun ov létur dét hwic it wuð bí rait tu eksterminét, woz a point muc dis-púted. Ce móst lerned men wer divaided; but a majoriti ov æ løyurz and spiricual dokturz wer ov opinyun aat æ Blak Dragun biloñd tu æ prim-itiv forméçunz; or aat hí woz at líst kóival in hiz orijin wiæ man, and çud bí tríted wiæ dù respekt az a gud krícur ov God, and a joint propraiitür ov æ planetari domén.

Ce glób of hwic ai rait, notwithstanding its infiri-oriti in saiz, woz wun ov ae móst bûtiful in æ hól surkl ov æ hevnz. Its soil woz ric, its frúts dili-çus, its flourz ekskwizitli téstful, and its èrz redolent wiæ purfum. But ae men wer ov a bad rés; selfiq, paçunet, kworelsum, and wurçipurz ov a gréti numbur ov aidul godz. It has bin asserted aat aér nécur, sun aftur it kém from æ handz ov ae Kri-etur, risívd a tént from æ brez ov a snéki apariçun aat insinyuéted ítself intu ai árbur ov ae forst pér, and húz poizn haz kontaminéted òl aér ofspriñ.

Lerned skolurz and antikwérianz, hú hav auroli investigéted æ subjekt, tñk aer kan bí nó dout qat æ Blak Dragun iz a direkt disendant ov qat veri óld serpent hú injekted hiz dedli venum intu æ vénz ov cér progeniturz.

Oi orb on hwic man and æ Dragun dwelt had tú lárj ailanz, wun on íaur said, hwic wer kold, in æ langwej ov qat sfir, æ Grét Órient. and æ Grét Oksident. Cér wer olsó veri waid ógunz bitwín aem. And æ Grét Órient woz æ lárjur ov æ tú ailanz, for it ekstended lengwaiz kwait akros wun said ov æ planet, and its norwesturn and souwesturn ekstremitiz, kold Nora and Kuça strect fár out intu æ sí. Dúriñ æ furst faiv aouzand yírz ov man, æ Grét Oksident woz skërsli nón tu æ dwelurz in ai Órient, and ívn æ dim tradiçun qat suc an ailand egzisted woz at leng forgotn. But wuns upon a taim an advenerus sí-kaptin, némd Kristofur, seliñ westwurd, canst tu diskuvur it. He found it pípld bai strénj résez, hú wer sízd wiæ terur at hiz apróc, ainqiñ æ nû kumurz had disended from æ skaiz. Hwen Kristofur riturnd tu hiz ón kuntri, and diskraibd æ bâti ov æ land hí had found, and tóld ov æ góld and silvur and daimundz wiæ hwic it abounded, æ ripórt kwikli spred arú sitiz and provinsez, and òl æ pípl wer fild wiæ wundur. And aé bigan tu kum out in swormz, laik bíz from a hundred haivz, sinkiñ tu betur aér kondicun bai rimúviñ tu a kun tri qat woz só ric. And aé pórð óver in çips and galiz, and tuk pozaçun ov æ Grét Oksident, es-

tabliçin aér koloniz in æ soua, and in æ norð, and in æ sentur.

Mínhwail æ Blak Dragun, bai sum daiabolikal instinkt, pursívd æ gróin grétnes ov æ yuñ koloniz in æ land ov góld, and hí sed tu himself, Çal æ rés ov man enjoï aís nû paradais alón, and ai hav nó párt æerin? Só hí formd hiz plan, and on ci ívniñ ov a stormi dé hí mounted a hwurlwind, and daçt of upon æ woturz, pufiñ and snortiñ laik a stím-enjin. And hí had sevural çips dat akumpanid him, tu suplai him wiæ fúd and nesesariz dûriñ hiz voiej. Dé aftur dé hí swept on, nou sóriñ aloft óvur æ mountin wévz, nou plunjiñ bi-nia æ surfes and çutiñ arú æ blû woturz laik a Norwíjian kréken. Mermen and mermédz, hwélz, sí-serpents and òl æ fini traibz çruk from hiz apróc, and hid aemselvz in aér óçun kavurnz hwail hí past bai. About a munø had ilapst, hwen in æ dûbius lait ov a misti morniñ hiz dárk skéli form woz diskraíd ímerjin from æ wévz and kròlin up on æ sandi bíc ov ai Oksident. Óer hí lañgwidli róld himself about, survéiñ wiæ blóted and fairi aiz æ ríjun around, and kwaietli divouriñ evuri siñ dat kém in hiz wé. It woz afturwurdz diskuvurd dat on æ botum ov ai óçun, òl aloñ æ lain ov hiz trak, aer woz païld up a grét haiwé ov hwaitnd bónz, æ skeletunz ov húman viktímez dat had bin kild and ítn bai him on hiz pasej from wun ailand tu ai uaur.

Nó sunur woz æ Blak Dragun fèrli setld upon ai Oksident kóst dan hí bigan tu gáður around

him grét numburz ov pipl, húm hí alárd wiæ æ promis ov vast ricez, íz from lëbur, and joint dominyun ovòl at pórçun ov æ grét ailand hwic woz kôld Sunland. Óíz frendz and alaiz ov hiz wer kôld Dragónianz, aftur æ ném ov ær patrun. Bai ær asistans hí fited out swift çips and sent æm akros ci óçun tu æ land ov æ Kuçanz, ær tu bai, stíl and kapcur stroñ men and yuñ wimin, helui boiz and fèr damzelz, and briñ æm óvur tu bikum mírialz and helots, and tu til æ fildz, and tu pripèr soft and delikat rément for himself and hiz servants. And æe kuntri bikém ful ov pipl, and æe nóblz grú welai and proud, laik æe lordz ov æ óld kiñdums hwens ækém.

Nou æer wer but fù lòz in Sunland, and nun wer koñsidurd absoluñtli baindiñ eksept æ lòz for holdiñ fast æ Kuçanz and kiliñ of a sufïçent numbur ov æm evuri yír tu fid æ Blak Dragun. For æ Dragun woz a voréçus ítur, olbít hí woz veri dénti, and did not reliç æe fleç ov hiz viktímz unles it had bin wel brúzd and flajeléted tu mék it tendur and sévuri. Æe Dragónianz undurstandiñ ais, komenst æe mangliñ ov æ yuñ Kuçanz at a veri erli ej, and bai a sló proses ov torcur méd ær fleç eksidiñli delikat and palatabl. It woz a grét árt tu faind out hou best tu proloñ æe laivz ov òíz unhapi krícurz hwail undurgóiñ æe rigurus trítment tu hwic æe wer subjekted. Æe Dragun had a proféçunal klas, kôld Óvurlukurz, hú méd at studi ær speçal biznez. Tu gratifai ær prins æ inventæd meni kûrius enjinz for lasurétiñ and mañgliñ æ

fleç ov æ helots ; and daivurz aiurn riñs and seturz ov aiurn ; olsó stoks for aèr handz and fit, and gagz ov aiurn for aèr mouaz ; and wundurful burn-iñ mikscurz tu pór upon aèr bodiz astur kutiñ and tériñ æ skin wiæ hwips and sòz and purforéted wudn mòlz.

Ois foul monstur olsó praktist æ horibl rait ov misijenéçun ; for hwenevur hí sò amuñ æ Kuçanz eni bûtiful yuñ wimin, hweaur waivz or médnz, hí ordurd aem tu bí brót bifór him and æ wer fôrst tu bikum hiz waivz, for æ nû qat if æ çud opóz hiz wiçez hí wud tèr aem lim from lim

De Blak Dragun, notwiustandiñ hiz brútiç diformitiz, woz a grét févurit wiæ pípl ov welt and façun. Hí kept a magnifisent kórt, and had a splendid retinû. Hiz servants praktist a grét varaiiti ov arts tu rendur hiz apírans kumli. Hiz hornz wer konsild bai æ kroun and juelz wiæ hwio hí woz ornamented. Hiz fés woz símiqli hûman, eksept hwen hí atemted tu smail, and aen hiz griniñ and misçépn tia gév suc a savej ekspreçun tu hiz kountenans qat hiz frendz and admairurz wud fríkwentli stárt bak wiæ terur. Hiz hûj and skéli karkas woz envelopt in róbz ov velvet and silk ; and az hí sat upon hiz ebuñ arón, hiz atendants, wiæ aèr çói trénz, wer rénjd around him in suc a wé az tu haid hiz loñ téł from æ vû ov viziturz. Fèr lédiz and galant naits aroñd hiz pales, and wer loud in prez ov æ glóri and grétnes ov aèr prins, hú æ imajind wud wun dé bikum æ rúlur ov æ wurlid.



## CAPTUR II.

**I**SAYDZ æ Blak Dragun ær wer uaur lonjívianz hú did not biloñ tu æ rés ov men, and húz laivz wer not limited, laik aèrz, tu a hundred revolûçunz ov æ planet, but hú riménd ej astur ej, and egzerted a pourful inflûens on pasiñ jenuréçunz. In æ komun daialekt ov ai inhabitants aíz old residents wer kold bai suc nérmz az símd móst ekspresiv ov aèr rispektiv karakturz. Wuñ ov aem, a riñkld and ripulsiv antediluvian, woz kold Tirani; anuaur, a fímel, ov sumhwot maildur kountenans and mór polait dimínur, woz nón az Monárkia; and ær woz a waild krézi bakanal, wurs ñan Tirani himself, hú went bai æ nérm ov Anárkia.

Hwail sum ov aíz lonjívianz wer malevolent bññz, ai ofspriñ ov ai infernalz, hú dilaited ónli in mizuri and ruín, uaurz wer ov silescal buru, and òl aèr interkórs wiæ mortalz woz kaind and hapi; æ apírd tu hav nó dizair but tu briñ bak mankaind tu aèr orijinal trút and vurcu. Ær wer olsó on æ sému planet jaiants, or demigodz, hú partuk ov bóø nécurz, æ silescal and æ mortal; kombainiñ æ pour and inflûens ov æ wun wiæ ai infurmitiz and erurz ov ai uaur.

It woz sevural hundred yírz aftur æ taim ov Kristofur dat a yuñ jaiant bai æ nérm ov Samuñkl bigan tu bí fémus in æ kuntri ov ai Oksidentalz. He woz ov silescal pérentej, biñ a disendant ov Fríga, æ godes ov liburti. Hiz eldest dòtur, Fridíma, woz a luvli krícur, húz ekstrordinari bùti, ívn in infansi, encanted òl bihóldurz. Az cí grú up, hur fém spred trú ai ailand, and akros æ sí, and tu æ móst distant landz. And æ Blak Dragun fikst hiz aiz upon hur, and hwen hí sò hur bùti hí ditermind tu mék hur hiz braid.

Samuñkl woz æ móst ekstensiv landhóldur on æ westurn ailand, and hí fainali bikém æ pozesur ov òl aóz ric trakts nón az æ Yunaited Oksident. In ordur tu enkurej lébururz tu setl on hiz landz hí aloud æ kultivéterz tu okúpai œm wiæout rent, supórtiñ himself on æ prinsli revenúz dat hí woz ébl tu akúmulét bai tréd wiæ foren négunz. It woz undurstud, houevur, dat in kés ov wor, or uaur imerensi, ai okúpanis ov æ soil çud bér æ nesesari burdnz ov æ kuntri.

But æ kiñz in sum ov æ Noran kuntriz wei displízd at æ liburaliti ov Samuñkl. For aé sed, It iz not gud dat æ pípl çud bí rilívd from aëi rents; aís egzampl wil wark miscif, and wil spred diskontent amuñ our subjekts. And æ kiñ ov Bulia spék tu Monárkia, æ godes húm hí wurçipt, and cí béd him send óvur and kolekt æ rents himself. For, sed cí, aóz pípl went out from yúr ón kiñdum, and aefór aé ár yúr subjekts stil. Só hí sent óvur hiz mesenjurz and hiz taksgaðururz, az cí

advaizd him. But æ pípl rifûzd ær dimandz and diklèrd æ wud pé nó rent, trihyut or kustum tu æ kiñ ov æ Bulianz. Cen hí sent óvur hiz ármiz tu kontend wiæ æm in batl and tu vañkwiç and subdû æm. But æ met wiæ dizastur and kud not akompliç æ kiñz dizair.

And Samuñkl sumund æ cífs and hedz ov æ pípl tu a grét kounsil. And æ óbéd æ kòl and hésted and kém tugeaur in ful numburz, and sat in kounsil meni déz. And æ sed, Wí wil kast of æ kiñz yók, and mék us kiñz ov our ón; and Monárkia çal bí dipózd from hur kwínli digniti trúout ci entair Oksident; and in hur sted wí wil cíuz æ jentl Fridíma and kroun hur purpecual kwín, and çí çal bí æ godes around húz traikulurd banur wí wil rali our woryurz. Só æ komünd wiæ hur fácur, and apointed a dé hwen hí çud briñ hur out tu æm, qat æ mait dú hur homej. And on æ fóru dé ov æ munæ ov Július çí kém bifór æm wiæ bluciñ kountenans and liniñ on hur fácurz árm; and æ kround hur wiæ a góldn kroun, and led hur fóru bifór òl æ pípl, and æ pípl çouted and klapt ær handz, and kraid, Fridíma forevur! And æ kounsil ordénd qat ci anivursari ev qat dé çud evur astur bí kept az a holidé, and bí kòld koronéçun dé; and qat òl ær kiñz çud ték an óu tu protekt, difend and prizerv ci onur and súpremasi ov Fridíma, and qat húevur konspaird agenst hur çud sufur dea.

But alas! ci our ov traiumf iz ofn ci our ov peril, and qis æ jentl Fridíma asturwurdz lernd tu hur soró. In æ kounsil qat çód hur aíz onurz ær

wer mesenjurz from Sunland, hú wer Dragónianz, but aé méd nó klém in biháf ov aèr prins aat hí çud çèr in ae guvurnment ov ae kuntri. On aèr riturn hóm ae Dragun cid aem bikòz aé had bin unmaindful ov hiz inturests and had not ivn mençund hiz nérm. Só hwen ae nekst grét kounsil woz kòld hí konklùded tu prizent himself, aloñ wiæ hiz delegéts, and klém hiz sit az wun ov ae cíf pro praiitari lordz and raitful okùpants ov ae westurn ailand. But ae Normen wer lóa tu admit him tu a koursil ov hûmanz; aé, houevur, aloud him tu spík and prizent hiz klémz. Hí ofurd tu join wiæ aem in formiq a grand líg and kuvenant, and tu plés òl hiz fórsez wiæ aóz ov Samuñkl, at ae disposal ov ae kiñz hú çud bí cózen tu rúl ae kuntri, for mûcuál protekçun and difens. But hí wud konsent tu a yúnyun ónli on sertin kondicunz. Ci objekt ov ae waili óld dímun woz tu obtén pozeçun ov Fridíma. Hí propózd aat if aé wud giv hur tu him in marij, hí wud divórs hiz formur spouz Monárkia, tu húm hí had bin só loñ yunaited in ci óriental kiñdumz, and Fridíma çud bí hiz lígali and onurabli weded waif, só loñ az rivurz ran or óçun róld. Aftur aís aé had loñ konsultéunz and muc dibét, bifór aé kud frém ae grét kuvenant hwic woz tu bí ae purpecual lò ov ae relm. Ce Dragónianz dizaird aat it çud kontén an akt ov bitroøal baindiq aèr mástur and Fridíma in purpecual bondz. Samuñkl and ae Normen wer çokt at aís propózal; and yet aé wer só dizairus ov ae Dragunz asistans in aèr worz agenst Monárkia aat aé did not dèr tu sé né. Ce

ærfór aloud æ kuvenant tu bí ritn obskúrli, só az tu bí képabl ov difurent inturpretéunz; and tu aís dé æ míniñ ov sum párts iz dispûted. It apírz, houevur, tu hav bin jenurali admited cat ci instrument gév æ Blak Dragun a rait tu partisipét in æ guvurnment, and cat æ frémurz kontempléted a yúnyun bitwín him and Fridíma. Clé probabli hópt cat hí wud cénj hiz nécur, or at líst hiz habits, az wun ov ci ártiklz provайдed cat hí çud, aftur a çort p'riud, diskontinyu hiz trafik wiæ æ Kuçan-selurz and briñ nó mórmórhapi viktímz akros æ woturz.

Hou it hapnd cat æ çrúd Samuñkl çud hav givn hiz konsent tu aís unacural alaians haz evur bin a misturi. Bai sum it iz sed cat hí did not undurstand æ nécur and impórt ov æ kuvenant formd; bai uaurz cat hí must hav bin párcali insén, or perhaps stúpifaïd wiæ intoksikétiñ drugz; uaurz stíl mentén cat hí woz braibd bai æ grét advantejez tu bí diraivd from a líg wiæ æ Dragun. Houevur aís mé bí, it iz plén hí woz nevur hártili in févur ov ci alaians; and az taim róld on, æ prospekt ov giviñ up hiz dòtur tu ci embrés ov a monstur só prédi upon hiz spirits cat hiz brou woz furód wiæ prímatûr riñklz. Az for æ caild, ci wud stárt wiæ horur hwenevur æ kontempléted yúnyun woz alûded tu, and beriñ hur fés in hur handz imídiel li ruç out ov sait.



### CAPTUR III.

**R**IDÍMA, bñi ov ae lonjívian rés, did not gró up tu wumanhud rapidli laik mortalz. Hur yúu ekstended arú ae rénz ov sevural ov ai erli kinz, wiæ húm cí woz a grét fèvurit. Cé wer kérful tu mék nó alújun tu hur unhapi bitrossal, probabli hópiñ aat ae Dragun wud dai bifór ae nupçalz çud bí konsuméted. Anyuali, on koronéçun dé, ae damzel wiæ hur médnz drest in hwait apírd bifór ae pípl and márct tu ae templ ov liburti, amid ai aklaméçunz ov ae multitudz, hú stród hur paæ wiæ rózez, and húz admiréçun ov hur luviñ nécur and jentl dispoziçun had nó boundz.

But aís holidé woz an ofens tu ae Blak Dragun, hú, az oft az it riturnd, sat müdi and unsóçal in his pales, meditétiñ on ae mínz bai hwic hí mait briñ his fücur braid intu propur subjekçun, and puniñ ae Fridónianz hú wer fosturiñ hur vaniti bai gér prézez, and hú, hí çrúdli suspektez, wer bent on brékiñ up ae mac and snaciñ from his pozeçun ai objekt ov his dizair.

Cé Dragun woz akustumd tu noc evuri koronéçun dé upon his spír-handl. Aftur hí had méd haf a hundred nocez hí bigan tu urj upon ae réniñ

kiñ biz klém for Fridíma, dimandiñ ɔat ɔí ɔud at líst bí plést undur ristrént, and insted ov wonduriñ about at hur plejur, bí komited tu æ gárdiançip ov tüturz hú wud trén hur tu dosiliti and submiçun, and wud tíc hur, abuv òl ɔiñz els, ɔat æ Blak Dragun woz tu bí hur mástur. Ce kiñ hú guvurnd at ɔat taim wud not lisn tu æ propózal; but hiz rén woz çort, and æ kiñz hú folód him wer móréfúrable tu æ Dragun, and promist him ɔat hí ɔud hav òl hí askt. Cen æ skéli óld monstur, fainding ɔat hí had æ kiñz upon hiz said, bigan tu gó out móré and móré ov hiz ditestabl nécur. Hí komenst mékiñ okéjunal vizits tu æ hous ov Samuñkl, fraitniñ púr Fridíma olmóst tu distrakçun, aiiñ hur wiæ a maliçus lír and góiní hur hiz horid tír. On wun or tú okéjunz hí sizd hur bai æ hér ov hur hed, and wud hav dragd hur of tu hiz ón hóm wiæout mersi, but for ai outkrai rézd bai æ néburz and tounzfók, hú luvd Fridíma az æ luvd ær ón laivz.

And nou æ Dragun turnd hiz venjens upon aíz kaind-hárted pipl; for hwen eni ov aem vencurd wiæin hiz boundariz hí wud kòz aem tu bí aprihended and plést upon æ rak, in ordur tu asurtén hweaur æ had eni akwéntans wiæ Fridíma; and if æ bitréð æ líst simpaui wiæ hur or hur frendz, æ torcur woz kontinyud until æ daid. Sumtaimz æ wer plunjd undur wotur and held ær until háf sufokéted, aen rézd and plunjd agen, and aís ripíted só az tu mék aem sufur æ pañz ov a duzn deas; sumtaimz æ wer konfaind in lóðsum dun-

junz til æ wésted awé wiæ hungur and dizíz; but æ févurit móð of distroïn æm woz bai hañin æm up kwaietli on æ nírest trí. Ois hañin ov æ Fridónianz went on until òl Sunland woz fild wiæ æ horibl and pestilençal stenc ov dikéin korpsez. Travelurz, hwen æ sò æ bodiz suspended upon tríz aloñ æ ródsaid, wud ofn turn bak, rizolvíñ nevur tu atemt a jurni tu dat kuntri agen. But æ Dragun woz wel plízd at æ slótur ov æ Fridónians, and hí snuft up æ fítid èr az if it wer æ swít smeliñ ódur ov a burnt sakrifáis. Hí ol-só tóld hiz ministurz pravetli dat hwen hí had brót hóm hiz noráurn braid hí wud ték hur out déli in hiz karij tu vû hur jibeted frendz, and hí wud let hur nó dat if çí méd eni rimonstrans çí çud çér æ sém fét.

Ripórts ov aíz horurz ríct ai írz ov Fridíma, and méd hur kliñ æ klósur tu hur noráurn hóm. Sevural Kuçan wimin hû had esképt æ torcurz ov æ Blak Dragun found ær wé tu hur fácurz hous, briñiñ ær infants wiæ æm. From æm çí lernt æ hól stóri ov æ Blak Dragunz krúeltiz. Hur tendur hárt woz redi tu burst, and çí klaspt æ litl Kuçan bébz tu hur búzum, çouriñ upon æm tirz and kisez. Çí propózd tu hur fácur dat hí çud stárt on a krúséð agenst æ Blak Dragun, storm hiz kasl, and kil him if nesesari for æ res-kú ov æ kaptivz. Yuñ and deliket az çí woz, çí ofurd to akumpani him on aís despuret ekspediçun. But hur fácur caided hur for hur forwurdenes, and tóld hur dat çí wud not ónli briñ hurselv

intu trubl but him alsó; dat æ Blak Dragun woz æ móst pourful prins in æ land, and nekst tu æ kiñ himself. Hí tóld hur olsó dat hí woz olredi in fír ov hiz laif, bikòz hí had not givn hur in marij hwen dimanded. Æen Fridíma tremblid from hed tu fut, and hur cíks and lips grú hwait wiæ suprest ímóçun; for cí sò dat hur fácur, wiæ ðí hiz pour and grétnes, had nó streñu or kurej tu rezist eni dimand hwic æ Blak Dragun mait mék, and dat hí wud probabli, if drivn tu ekstremiti, sakrifaiz ívn a dòtur tu sév hiz ón laif. Só cí sist tu urj him, but mentali rizolvd dat hwotevur mait hapn cí wud kast hur lot wiæ æ púr Kuçans, and dat æ gud hensfóru bí hur pipl.

Æe frends and néburz nou çód aèr stroñ simpañi for Fridíma, and sum ov aem boldli "pronounst it a çém dat æ grét Samuñkl çud akt só kouardli a párt. But æ góld-wurçipurz, and æ waiz men ov æ lò, and æ sól-doktúrz on húz jujment hí rilaid, advaizd him tu bí kòçus, and endevur tu ristrén hiz impecuus caild, and on nó akount alou eni mór Kuçanz tu entur hiz hous. Faindiñ hiz dòtur fikst in hur purpus, hí bigan tu gró mór and mór unízi, for hí woz rizolvd not tu giv hur up agenst hur wil. Hí ærfór divaizd vérius ekspídients tu sikrit and protekt hur; but æ kiñ ov ai Oksident and æ grét jujez ov æ kiñdum, hú wer in akord wiæ æ Dragun, disaidec dat æ prinses must bí givn up, akordiñ tu æ bond ov bitroaal hwich hur fácur had konfest dat hí saind. It woz not loŋ bifór nûz kém dat mes-

enjurz from æ Blak Dragun wer olredi on aér wé tu sikür Fridíma and konvé hur tu æ abód ov hur aknolejd mástur. Hur fáður had nou nó ri-sórs left but tu send hur awé sikretli. Wia a hevi hár hí kóld hiz famili tugeaur for a hésti fèrwel, and tóld hiz wípiṇ dòtur dat hí kud protekt hur nó longur; dat cí must nou flai for hur laif, aróiṇ hursel on æ providens ov God and suc asistans az æ kaind-hárted pípl mait rendur hur bai æ wé. Só hwen aé had òl embrést and kist hur, and had put intu hur handz a fù nesesariz for hur jurni, cí stárted fóra on hur perilus pil-grimej, trustiṇ in a wocful providens tu gaid hur wé, but wið hár palpitetiṇ at evuri step, for fír ai emisariz ov æ Dragun mait bí upon hur trak.

Æ mesenjurz, feliṇ tu diskuvur hur ritrit, nou riturnd hóm and riléted tu æ Dragun òl aér advencurz, and æ manur in hwic Fridíma had es-képt. Hí woz fúrius in hiz réj at æ médn for hur obstinasi; and æ informéçun dat cí had bin abandund bai hur nacural protektur, and had nó hóm but æ kévz and æ forests, símd tu furniṣ him æ stimúlus óv a nû aktiviti for æ aprihençun ov hiz viktum. Hí fórwiſ diturmind tu serc evuri nuk and kornur hwèr æ pantiṇ füjtitiv mait hav found çeltur. Só kóliṇ tugeaur æ lordz and lédiz ov hiz kórt, hiz fairi aibòlz òl æ hwail glóiṇ wið eksaitment, hí swór a damnabl ót dat sins Fridíma had diliburetli and skornfuli rijekted him, hí olsó diskárded and rijekted hur, but wud hav hiz wil upon hur, and wud put hur tu æ hárdest

mínial lébur, until hur plump and rózi form çud bí wésted tu æ veri bónz; and œen for a worniñ hí wud uró out hur skeleton tu hwaitn in æ ópn fild, alon wiæ œe kárkasez ov œe Kuçanz and Fridónianz dat wer rotiñ in œe sun and blíciñ in œe dûz and rén. A klangur ov aplòz, laik œe círz ov pandimónium, rañ urú œe pales hìl az hí uturd œis horid óu.

And nou komenst œe grand hunt for ai inosent and haples Fridíma. A tøuzand horsmen mounted upon flít stídz, wiæ bludhoundz in ær trén, wer stárted of tu skour œe mountinz and vélz ov Norland. Þrú sumur and wintur, in sprintaim and hárest, œe tramp ov ær stídz and œe houliñ ov ær dogz sent terur tu œe hárts ov œe písful inhabitants. Fridíma woz nevur séf, oó œe kaind pezants did òl aé kud tu protekt hur. But gí tòt not ov hursel alón. Déli and naitli gí sòt out œe pür Kuçanz hú wer flíñ from ær tormenturz, direkтиñ œem tu œe houzez and vilejez hwèr gí had bin bifrended, and kérfuli pointiñ out tu œem œe pólar stár, bai folóiñ hwic aé wud río Snóland, a biturli kóld kuntri, inaksesibl tu œe Kuçanhunturz.





#### CAPTUR IV.

**R**AVELIN ursú æ waildz ov Norland, hur tendur limz ekspózd tu æ snóz ov wintur and æ rénz ov sumur, ofn wiawout a çeltur in æ sivírest stormz, it woz eks-pekted dat æ fréi Fridíma, if not kapeurd bai hur enemiz, wud at leñia sink undur æ hárðçips cí had tu endár. But tu ai améz-ment ov òl, æ móz sivír hur ekspójur and sufuriñz, æ strongur and helciur cí grú, and só luvli in form and fíeur dat æ pípl òl bilívd hur a godes endoud wiu imortaliti. Meni olsó, híriñ hur nóbl wurdz in bihaf ov æ dispaizd Kuçanz, diklèrd aemselvz redi tu foló hur, ívn tu æ Dragunz kasl, for æ purpus ov reskúñ hiz mizurabl kaptivz.

Æ Dragónianz, sfiñ hou æ prinses had génd ai afekçunz ov æ multitádz, aplaid tu æ kiñ for a lò tu puniç wiawdei òl hú çud hárbur or konsil hur. Den æ kiñ brót æ matur bifór æ grét kounsil, and it woz agríd dat æ hól kuntri çud join in æ serc astur Fridíma, and húevur rifüzd tu point out hur haidiñ plésez, or tu asist in apri-hendiñ hur, çud bí sivírlí puniçt.

Cí woz nou ridüst tu æ grétest stréts; ðl tird tu giv hur a naits lojiṇ or a krum ov bred. In hur ekstremiti ciò wondurd fár out intu æ grét wildurnes ov æ west, and faindiṇ a log kabin sat doun bifór it in a stét ov komplít egzhoscun. It woz okúpaid bai an óld man húz ném woz Osami, æ fáaur ov siks sunz. Hí woz ov a stern kountenans and had a ruf grizli bírd, and hwen hí kém out tu ask Fridíma hur biznes, ciò só tremblid wiæ fir aat ciò kud not utur a wurd. Cen ai óld man, hú had a kaindli hárt, spók tu hur tendurli, and invaited hur intu hiz kabin, hwèr hí tóld hur ciò mait hav a hóm az loṇ az ciò cóz tu sté, for hí sò cat ciò woz in distres. Aftur ciò had wormd hurselv bai æ fair, hí pripèrd a frúgal mü, æ best hiz hous afórded. Haviṇ nou génd konfidens, Fridíma tóld him hú ciò woz, and hwai ciò had kum, and ov ðl hur wonduriṇ in æ waild and dizmal forests wiæ æ füjitiv Kuçanz. Hwail æ wer tókiṇ ai óld manz fór sunz, hú livd wiæ him, kém in from aér wurk, and lisnd tu hur stóri. Cé wer encanted wiæ æ fain silvir tónz ov hur vois, and æ wé in hwic ciò pled æ kòz ov æ pür dispaizd Kuçanz drú fóra ðl aér simpasiz. Cé admaird æ púriti and upraitnes ov hur sentiments, and hur lofti and self-sakrifaiṣiṇ benevolens. Óld Osami pursívd cat æ wer dípli driṅkiṇ in hur spirit, but hí sat kwaietli and sed not a wurd. Az ai ívniṇ wór awé hí róz from hiz cér and tuk doun a nû huntiṇ raifi cat húṇ in æ rúm. Fridíma nótiſt a strénj fair in hiz ai, and hiz ditermind

luk olmóst fraitnd hur, aó gó nù from hiz apírans  
aat hí woz meditétin nó hárñ tu hur. Aftur bur-  
niçin hiz raifi and putin hiz kártrijez in ordur, hí  
told Fridíma aat sins hur fáfur had feld tu akt  
æ párt ov a protektur, az hí woz bound tu dú,  
and had sent hur out intu æ kold wurld, hí wud  
himself adopt hur az hiz ón caild, and wud asum  
æ rait and æ responsibiliti ov a pérant tu difend  
hur agenst òl aat wud dú hur hárñ. De bruc-  
urz wormli risponded, and açúrd hur aat gó gud  
evur bí trited bai dem az a dír sistur.

And nou, mai sunz, sed ai óld man, yú had  
betur get yúr wepnz in redines for faitin. Dis  
wurld iz ful ov tòk and simpaai, but tòk and  
simpaai nevur yet protektd æ helples. If yú in-  
tend tu dilivur cis hunted lam from hur persikú-  
turz, yú must bí pripèrd tu dú it at æ risk ov  
yúr laivz. Blud iz æ pürifaiur ordénd tu klenz  
æ sténz ov cis bad wurld. Sí yú not aat æ land  
iz ful ov leprusi? It wil rikwair sumaiñ mór dan  
wotur tu woç it out. Ai am an óld man, and mai  
laif iz not wura mæc. Yú, mai sunz, ár yuñ; dú  
az yú laik; but az for mí, ai çal set maiself agenst  
æ foul monstur aat iz wurkiñ òl cis miscif. Ai  
wil mék mai wé intu hiz fortres; ai wil entur hiz  
pales; ai wil stand at hiz bedsaid; God helpiñ mí,  
ai wil send a çast aat çal wiñ its wé tu hiz hárñ;  
ai wil opn æ dórz ov hiz dunjunz, and nok of æ  
seturz ov hiz priznurz. And æ boiz sed æ wud  
gó wiæ him. Den Osami ríct up hiz hand and  
tuk doun from æ gelf a Buk, hwic told ov æ

Blak Dragun, and ov ae Red Dragun hiz fácur, and hou ae word agenst ae Lord, and hou ae jujments ov hevn gud.kum doun upon aem in fúcur taimz. Aftur rídiñ a hwail hí fel upon hiz níz, az hiz kustum woz, and préd ae grét Olfíaur dat hí wud protekt Fridíma, and dilivur ae Kuçanz for hur sék, and dat hí wud brék ae pour ov ae Blak Dragun, and baniç him from Norland and Sunland, and from òl ae grín spots ov kriéçun, and sil Lim up in tófet fast and forevur.

Hwen Fridíma sò intu húz handz ci had fòln, and hwot a hai and nóbł nécur ae stern óld man pozest, and felt hur hóps ov hapines and sikûriti wuns mórrivaiv, hur hárta robd waildli, for ae joi woz tú grét for hur, and ci burst intu a flud ov tírz. Dú not bí eksaited, sed Osami; kompóz yúrself, trust in God, and òl wil bí wel. Só ci draid up hur tírz, and hwen ae had òl bidn hur a kaind gud-nait ci ritaird tu rest. Ci sun fel intu a swít slumbur, and drímd ov hapi sínz in a wurld hwèr òl ai inhabitants luvd ic uaur az bruçurz.

Osami imídietli bigan tu mék préparéçunz for invédiñ ae dominyunz ov ae Blak Dragun. Inspaird wiæ hiz nû aidia, hí vizited òl hiz óld frendz and endevurd tu rouz aem tu a komun efurt for ae distrükçun ov ae monstur. Meni ov aem aðt hiz ém woz a gud wun, but disaprúvd ov ae mínz. In ae furst plés aðt it prizumcuus for a fù individualz tu get up a krúséd agenst suc a venurabl antediluvian, hú woz ikwal and purhyps mórrivaiv.

can skwal in pour and prestij tu æ suvurin himself. Sekundli, if eni siŋ woz tu bí dun, it çud bi dun bai æ kiŋ ov æ kuntri; and az hí woz at pís and amiti wiæ æ Dragun, it wud bí tríznus for eni ov æ komun pípl tu run kountur tu his egzampl, or atemt tu eksikût justis wiæout his ordur. It woz jenurali admited dat abstraktli æ Dragun had nó rait tu opres and maltrít æ Kuçanz; but az loŋ az hí did not medl wiæ æ Normen and Norwimin, it woz dímd haili impolitik tu stor up his ráı bai intérſiriŋ in bihaf ov æ reced, and helples krícurz hú had æ misforcun tu fòl undur his pour. Só æ tóld Osami plénli dat æ wud hav nuçiŋ tu dú wiæ his skímz; móst ov æm, indíd, aðt dat hí woz krézi, or wud sun bikum só. A fù pípl, hú sò hwot a worm and jenurus hár hí had, and hou wiliŋ hí wez tu sakrifiaiz himself tu help æm dat had nó helpur, enkurejd him in his undurtékiŋ, and gév him muni tu bai wepnz, loŋguturz and çortçuturz, and çárp lansez wiæ hwic æ Kuçanz mait difend æmselvz agenst aðr opresurz.

Míntaim æ grét prinsez and lordz ov æ Dragónianz, híriŋ dat Fridíma had tékn refúj wiæ a wudzman ov æ west, sent fóru aðr emisariz in grét numburz tu serc hur out and briŋ hur tu æ pales in céñz, for æ Dragun had nou givn up ai aidia ov mékiŋ hur his waif, and woz ónli bent upon distroïŋ hur and hur frendz. His bandits wer ordurd tu plundur and lé wést æ nû kuntri, and kil of æ Fridónianz az fast az æ kud. Grét numberz wer

çot and jibeted, stór-houzez emtid, and vileyez burnt, aróin æ hól kuntri intu konsturnéçun. Ce sunz ov Osami wer tékn priznurz, aér ármz pin-yund bihaind aem wiæ soñz aat kut tu æ bón, and in aís kondiçun aé wer fasnd tu æ Dragónianz' horsez, and méd tu run wiæ aem az aé galupt awé in æ burniñ hít tórdz Sunland. Wun ov aem bikém a méniak from æ hítiñ ov his brén; anucur woz kild bai a Hwait devl-prícur, hú aòt it grét merit tu ofur him az a sakrifaiz tu his god.

At leñu Osami, haviñ komplitéd his arénjments, and faird anu bai æ bárbérian krúeltiz inflikted on his sunz and néburz, aróz sudenli and tuk his dipárcur for Sunland, akumpanid bai arí ov his sunz and his suninlò, and a duzn trusti woryurz. Ce kém upon æ Dragunz stroñhóld bai nait, géniñ admiçun wiçout difikulti. Kèrfuli filiñ aér wé, aé enturd an apártment nír æ pales, hwic woz ful ov fairármz and grét gunz and poudur, furst mékiñ priznurz ov æ wocmen hú stud gárd at æ dór. From aís rúm aé hópt tu faind a pasej intu æ Dragunz bedcémbar, in hwic kés aé wud sun bí ébl tu finiç him. But in aís ekspektéçun aé wer disapointed, and hwen æ morniñ bigan tu dòn aé found aér entrans had bin diskuvurd. Ce nûz flû laik laitniñ arú æ pales and arúout ðl Sunland, and raidurz wer huriñ tu and fró, ðl waild az wiæ ci eksaitment ov batl. Hwen æ Blak Dragun herd æ tûmvelt and woz tolđ æ kòz, hí rórd wiæ fûri and laçt his tél agenst

æ pales wòlz til æ çuk az if aèr had bin an eru-kwék. Ce sundur ov hiz róriñ ekód ívn tu æ distant hilz ov Norland, kòziñ ai inhabitants tu kwék wiç terur and haid aemselvz wicin aèr houzez. Ce Dragun olsó kém fóru ov hiz pales and çód himself in òl hiz jaigantik propórçunz, hiz form touriñ aloft tu æ ríjun ov æ stárz, dárknij ðe sun az a kloud, and aróriñ a glúmi çadó óvur æ hól land. Púr Fridíma sat krouciñ, solitari and tremblíñ, in a mountin kév; nun dériñ tu ministur tu hur wonts, or inkwair astur hur wel-fér, or ívn pronouns hur ném.

And nou æ guvurnurz and æ jenuralz and kap tinz ov Sunland, wiç an ármi ov horsmen and futmen, bigan tu gaçur from òl kworturz; and æ envairund Osami and hiz kumpanyunz, hú fot brévli for aèr laivz, but wer at last óvurpoured. Ce sunz ov ai óld híró wer slén, and hí himself woz kapcured, wünded and bliðiñ, and dragd tu æ kounsil-hous for egzaminéçun. And æ guvurnur sed tu him, Ai nó òl about yúr vilani; ai wont nó informéçun on dat point; but tel me, név, hú sent yú hicur? Yú hav kum at ai instigéçun ov Samuñkl; it iz ov nó yús tu dinai it. Konfes, and ai wil giv yú a fér traial. Den Osami, gróniñ wiç pén, turnd hiz góri hed and miskli riplaid, Mai díd iz mai ón; ai hav had nó kounsel or ad-vais from Samuñkl. Unles yú wil juj mí akordin tu justis, ai wiç nó traial; if yú ár ditermind tu hav mai blud, kil mí at wuns, for ai am redi tu dai. Ce gud Buk telz mí ai çud dú tu uaurz az

ai wud hav uaurz dú tu mí; and in s̄skiñ tu plük  
æ kaptivz from æ tia ov æ Dragun, ai hav  
dun nó mór ñan ai çud wiç sum kaind diliverur  
tu dú for mí in similar surkumstansez.

Oen æ guvurnur, hú woz a Waizman, sed  
wiuin himself, Ai must not sím tu kondem cis  
man for hétiñ æ Dragun and bifrendiñ æ Kuç-  
anz, lest it çud kriét for him simpaçsaizürz ívn  
amuñ ourselvz; but ai wil trai him for kiliñ and  
murduriñ æ sóljurz dat wer sent agenst him.  
Só aé held a kórt, and brót løyurz and witnesez,  
and méd a grét paréd ov justis and ligaliti, and  
fainali ajujd him tu dea. Oen aé tóld him hí  
must hav æ sól-dokturz tu konvert and klenz  
him, só dat hwen hí daid hí mait not fól intu ci  
evurlastiñ flémz. But Osami wud not hárken tu  
aér advais, and hí riturnd for ansur dat hí wud  
giv mór for æ prèr ov a púr Kuçan muçur ñan  
for òl æ prèrz and katekizmz ov òl æ sól-dokturz  
æ Blak Dragun had in his emploi.

At leñia æ mártur woz led fóra tu dai, hwail  
a grét ármi ov sóljurz and horsmen wer paréded  
around him tu witnes æ spektakl and traiumf  
óvir hiz fét. And aé huñ him up bitwín æ  
hevnz and ci eru, and woct him until hí woz ded.  
But nó sunur had æ spirit esképt from æ bodi  
ñan it spred abròd in ci atmosfir, filiñ æ windz  
wia strénj hwispurz, and flitiñ hír and aér, laik  
a góst, arú òl æ land. It disturbð æ lordz and  
prinsez ov æ Dragunz kórt in aér midnait drímez;  
and æ yuñ men and wimin ov Norland bigan tu

bríð a freçur and pûrur èr, and tu fil nû iimpulsez, and tu yern astur æ loñ-luvd and baniçt Fridíma. Wiçin tú yírz from Osamiz dæt, æ pípl had jenurali kum tu æ konvikçun ɔat hí woz yet huvuriñ óvur æ kuntri, in æ çép ov a gárdian énjal; ɔat insted ov ritairiñ difited from æ kontest wið æ Blak Dragun, hí had joind ai ármi ov æ Lord; ɔat hiz napsak woz stil strapt upon hiz bak, and hiz sól márciñ on.





## CAPTUR V.

**URSÍVIN** dat æ afekçunz ov æ Normen wer inseparabli twaind around æ jentl Fridíma, æ Dragónianz bigan tu konsult hou aé mait brék up æ kiñdum, and form a nû guvurnment ov hwic æ Blak Dragun çud hav æ sól pozeçun. Óld Publik Funükçunari, hú had loñ bin kiñ ov æ Yunaited Oksident, and hú had ofurd tú hundred and fifty silvurlíñz for æ kapçur ov Osami, woz about tu end hiz rén, and æer wer glúmi aprihençunz dat hiz suksesur wud not bí só frendli tu æ Blak Dragun az hí had bin. Hwen æ taim kém for apointiñ a nû rúlur, æer woz grét eksainment arú æ land. And on a set dé æ vérius traibz asembld, æ Dragónianz, and æ Demókrianz, and æ Fridónianz, and æ Publikanz, and æ Fradikéturz, and æ Konservaturz, and æ multitûdz ov æ pípl bóø in Norland and Sunland, tu witnes æ kastiñ ov æ lots. And meni ov aem sat up wociñ òl nait, hwail æ síurz and ðgurz konsulted ai ómenz. And hwen æ morniñ woz kum, bihóld ai èr woz ful ov fòliñ lívz, hwic æ wind had blón fár and waid óvur æ kuntri. And hwen æ pípl had pikt aem up, and eg-

zamind aem kérfuli, aé found ritn upon aem aé nérm ov MAGNUS MAHÁRBA. Só aé nû aat aís woz aé nérm ov aér nekst kiñ.

Den woz aer grét komóçun in aé pales ov aé Dragun, and aé lordz and prinsez and lédz ov hiz houshold wer fild wiç indignéçun, for aé had herd ov Magnus Mahárba, aat hí woz an onest man, and wun aat luvd justis and ekwiti, and hens aé inferd aat hí must bí an enemi ov aér mástur. Aé had olsó herd it ripórted aat Fridíma, dúriñ hur travelz, had spent a nait at hiz hous, and instild intu hiz maind hur fanatikal planz for letiñ lús aé Kuçanz, and líviñ aé Dragun tu dai ov stárvéçun. Só aé císs and nóblyz asembld and drú up aé cártur ov a nû kiñdum for aé suport and difens ov aér ògust patrun and hiz projeni, and for ai ekstençun ov hiz and aér glóri, influens and pour óvur òl aé landz and síz, and for ai eksterminéçun ov aér enemiz bai fair and sórd. And aé cóz Prins Jefur áu bí aér kiñ, and híz cíff ministurz wer Lord Sepulkur, and Lord Júdas, and Munimüngur, and Névimaladi, húz ofis it woz tu mék desolét aé síz and tu beri in díp woturz aé çips ov Samuñkl. And for hiz jenuralz hí had Grébrag, and Pretigárd, and Stónijon, and Stónijak, and Bóldrobin. And aé rézd a grét ármi and tuk pozeçun ov aé stroñhóldz and kaslz, and sízd meni çips and gunz, bisaidz aóz hwic had bin síkretli givn aem bai aé servants ov Publik Fuñkçunari.

Nou hwen aé lordz and kounselurz ov ai Oksi-

dentalz hú wer asebld in párliment herd aíz  
 sinz, aé wer fild wiæ alárm. And aé sed amuñ  
 demselvz, Wí must bai òl mínz pasifai æ Dragun,  
 and giv him hwotevur hí dimandz, uðurwaiz wi  
 gal hav wor and bludçed, and our hapi land wil  
 bikum a land ov straif and tûmulf, laik aí éngent  
 kiñdumz ov aí Orient. Aftur muc aŋgrí dibét,  
 sum bísí in févur ov æ Dragun and sum agenst  
 him, aé agríd tu mék a tríti ov purpecual pís and  
 amiti on aíz kondiçunz, némlí, aat hiz majesti æ  
 Dragun woz tu bí rekognaizd az suvuren ov æ  
 kuntri konjointli wiæ æ réniŋ kiŋ; but hí woz not  
 tu strec hiz ármz or fit, or æ çadó ov hiz oæoriti,  
 óvur eni ov æ nû western landz aat had bin  
 purceſt bai Samuñkl; sekundli, aat Fridíma çud bí  
 givn him tu waif akordiŋ tu aí oriijinal agríment;  
 lastli, aat Samuñkl and æ Normen çud entur intu  
 a solem kuvenant wiæ æ Dragun aat aé wud  
 not molest him in æ fúcur, nor spík ov him dis-  
 rispektfuli az aé had dun; and wud undur nó sur-  
 kumstansez alou eni flaiiŋ Kuçan tu ték refúj in  
 aér bordurz; and aat aís kuvenant çud nevur bí  
 olturd, hwail sun, mún and stárz çón in æ hevnz,  
 or hwail mountinz, síz and rivurz márkt æ divi-  
 junz ov aí era. Só aé sent out æ dikrí noru, soua,  
 íst and west, aat òl æ land mait konfírm it.

But it woz nou tú lét; for æ Blak Dragun,  
 sñiŋ æ kouardis and konsturnéçun ov æ kiŋ and  
 hiz kounsil, bigan tu strec himself móř and móř,  
 and diklèrd aat hí wud aksept ov nuuiŋ les dan  
 undivaided swé from ógun tu óçun strét akros æ

kontinent, and from hwèr æ norqurn laiun çéks hiz snói mén tu hwèr æ suðurn aligétur sunz himself on æ sandi çór ov æ Grét Bésn. Æ Normen olsó wer displízd wiæ æ nû kuvenant and rifúzd tu konfurm it. And æ pourful Samuñkl bigan tu çó hiz spirit, and tu dinai dat hí had evur promist hiz dòtur in marij tu æ Drag-un; for hiz hárt smót him hwen hí herd ov æ kruél sufuriñz tu hwic Fridíma had bin ekspózd in hur wonduriñz, and hí ripróct himself for æ kouardli párt hí had akted in sendiñ hur of, insted ov manfuli standiñ up and protektiñ hur wiæ æ bròni muslz ov hiz stroñ árm. At last hí went tu ai aturniz and tu ai énçents dat wer skild in æ lò, and dizaird aem tu egzamin æ párcments ov bitrogal bai hwic it woz klémd dat hiz dòtur had bin konsaind in wedlok tu æ sneki monstur. Aftur dilijent serc and kèrful disaifuriñ ov æ manúskripts, æ lòyurz gév aèr opinyun dat nó evidens ov a bitrogal egzisted, and dat æ dokúments rilaíd on tu prúv it had nó valid bériñ on æ kés. Æten sed Samuñkl, God forgiv mí dat ai hav akted laik a fúl; Fridíma gal riturn, and ai wil difend hur, if níð bí, wiæ mai laif.

Hwen æ taim kém for Magnus Mahárba tu as-end æ urón, ðì ai ómenz wer unpropiqus. Æ skai lourd, æ kloudz çot fóra laitniñz, aundurz muturd, vaipurz and ratlsnëks kém hisiñ from aèr denz, and æ hai prišt, dat woz tu pór on hiz hed ai anointiñ oil, woz a dárk daiabolikal Dragónian. Nou Magnus Mahárba woz ov a kwaiet and pís-

ful tempur; hí luvd evuri bodi, and sòt æ gud ov òl men, and his grétest kér woz qat hí mait nevur injur an enemi, but wiæ ívn handed justis trít freud and fó alaik. Nò kiñ had evur bifór held æ skélz ov justis wiæ só impárcal a hand. In his hárta hí héted æ Blak Dragun; but inazmuc az hí had bin konstitüted kiñ óvur bóst gud and bad, hí woz ri-zolvd qat bad and gud çud skwali çér his protekçun. Hí had lernt from æ prísts and sól-dok-turz qat hwen ai Olmaiti façund aèr planet wiæ his fiñgurz, and róld it out from æ dépas ov ñaur, a móltan and fairi ból, ívn æn hí ordénd it tu bí æ fûcur habitéçun ov æ Blak Dragun, and pridestind qat kiñz and prinsez çud dû him onur, and çud protekt him, and çud alou him a ser-tin pórçun ov aèr rés for his warkmen, and for his wud and wotur kariurz, and for his médser-vants, and for mercandaiz, and for sakrifiaiz on his olturz, and for hwotevur purusez hí mait faind it konvînyent tu yúz æm. But ai Íradiké-turz tóld æ kiñ qat æ sól-doktorz wer roñ; qat æ Dragun woz a yuzurpur and an outlò; qat hí woz not a krícur ov God but ov æ devl, and qat it wud bí rait tu kil him and aró out his kárkas tu blíc in æ rénz ov hevn wiæ æ kárkas-ez ov æ púr inosents húm hí had murdurd. Æ kiñ lent a wiliñ ír tu aíz opinyunz, for hí abhord opreçun; and olaó hí aòt it wud bí roñ for him tu ték æ laif ov wun ov Godz krícurz, óvur húm hí had bin plést az a rúlur, yet hí síkretli wiçt qat God himself, if hí disaprúvd ov æ Dragunz

- dúiñz, wud send doun a Gundurbolt tu distroi him, and aus rilív æ land ov its foulest and wurst enemi.

Hwen Magnus Mahárba woz anointed kin, hí stud up on æ arón and méd a spic tu æ pípl, akordiñ tu æ kustum ov æ kuntri, só at òl mait undurstand æ prinsiplz ov his guvurnment and hwot woz tu bí æ manur ov his rúl. Hí told aem hí wud not alou Norland and Sunland tu bí di-valded, for hí had tékn his ór tu prizerv aem in yúnyun az wun kuntri; yet hí wud grant æ Dragónianz evuri induljens at woz possibl. Olaó æ Blak Dragun woz ofensiv tu æ Normen, his raits çud bí rispekteð; and if eni ov his kaptivz esképt, æ çud bí hunted up and ristórd tu him; and æ pípl ov Sunland çud bi left tu manejarér ón afèrz az æ sò fit, provайдed æ wud not siz æ forts and kaslz biloñiñ tu æ kin, nor inturfir wiæ æ çips and trédiñ ov Samuñkl.

Ous kaindli did æ nû kin endevur tu alé ai iritégun ov æ Dragónianz, but tu nó purpus. Dé ansurd him bak wiæ skorn at hí woz nó kin ov aérz; at dé had not cózn, nor wud dé aksept him; at dé had provайдed a guvurnment for aemselvz; and az for æ kinz pour tu enfórs a yúnyun bitwín aem and æ Normen, dé difaid him. And dé gacurd aér flíts and ármiz and set aem in batl aré agenst æ kinz garisunz, for dé wer impéçent tu bigin æ wor.



## CAPTUR VI.

**TÓNIPAIL** kasl, on ai ísturn kóst ov Sunland, woz wun ov æ kiñz stroñholdz bilt bai Samuñkl at grét ekspens, az a séf-gárd agenst foren invédurz. It stud at æ mouú ov a rivur, and woz gárded bai æ servants ov Samuñkl, hú had ordurz tu admit nó vizíturz nor alou eni veselz tu pas wiæout æ kiñz purmiçun. And æ Dragun sent a mesenjur tu æ kaptin ov æ garisun, séin, Giv mí æ kí ov æ kasl, dat mai woryurz mé entur in and okûpai it, for it iz bilt upon mai terituri and ærfór biloñz tu mí. And æ kaptin and æ dat wer wiæ him rifùzd, for æ sed, Wí must obé ai ordurz ov our kiñ, and wiæout hiz purmiçun wí kan giv admitans tu nó wun. And Prins Jefur sed, Nou iz our taim; let us storm æ kasl, and só briñ on wor, and æn wil òl æ pípl ov Sunland bí yunaited az wun man, and wí wil fair ær hárts agenst æ tairant Mahárba, and wil gó out agenst him in batl, and wil óvururó and distroi him, and wil entur hiz pales and rúl æ hól land. And hí gév æ komand, and Dák Preti-gárd surounded æ kasl, and bumbárded it wiæ hiz artiluri, and arú upon it çelz and kombus-

tiblz, setiŋ it on fair, and filiŋ it wiə smók and flémz. And hí dróv out æ men ñat wer set tu gárd it, and tór doun æ kiñz banur and put in its plés æ banur ov æ ratlsnék and Dragun. And aé çouted and sañ, and méd meri óvur aér vikturi.

And hwen Magnus Mahárba sò hwot woz dun, hí sent wurd tu Samuñkl, and bad him gó arú æ land and kolekt arí skór and fiftín thouzand woryurz tu fait for aér kiñ and kuntri, and tu rikuver æ forts and kaslz ñat had bin kapeurd. Den woz Samuñkl glad, for hí had loŋ bin impéçent tu avenj ai insults ov æ Dragónianz, and had bin aŋgri wiə æ kiñ for hiz ekstrím forbèrans. Hí had olsó tóld hiz frendz pravetli ñat Fácur Magnus ɻud not ristrén him muc longur, for if hí kud not obtén ridres uaurwaiz, hí wud ték æ lò intu hiz ón handz. Az sun az hí risívd æ kiñz mandét tu sumun æ woryurz, hí róz up in hést tu eksikût æ komiqun. And aér woz trampiŋ tú and fró, and mesenjurz huriñ óvur plén and mountin, and æ èr woz alaiv wiə æ sound ov musturiñ futsteps and æ ratliŋ and burniçiŋ ov wepnz.

And Samuñkl konsulted wiə æ ric men ov Góðam, and hí kounseld aem tu ópn æ selurz hwèr cé kept aér trejurz, and briŋ out æ góld ñat woz hidn bihaiind aér wòlz, and giv it intu æ handz ov æ kiñz ofisurz for purcesiŋ wepnz, and for bildiŋ gips, and for klóciŋ and fidicíng æ woryurz. And aé anstrd him févorabli, and promist tu giv æ kiñ òl ñat hí níded.

Nou æ siti ov Góðam woz a Bébelaitiç siti,

and æ langwej ov æ pípl diskordant. And meni ov aem wer Dragónianz, hú apírd in æ gárb ov Demókrianz, rizembliŋ aem só klósli dat æ komun pípl kud skérsli tel æ diferens. De mercantz and marinurz wer jenurali frendz ov æ Dragun, bikòz aér wela woz méd bai trafíkiŋ in æ skélz hwic fel-from his bodi, for hí çed his skélz evuri yír, and aé wer ov a fain and bñitiful tekscur, and suseptibl ov a grét varaieti ov kulur and poliq, and hwen manûfakcurd intu róbz and vestments wer muc admaird and sòt astur bai æ mercants ov foren kuntriz. De Dragun had nou put a stop tu qis trafík; meni, aerför, hú had príviusli advo-keted his kòz, sudenli turnd agenst him, diklériŋ dat aé had olwez dislaikt him in aér hárts, and dat hensfóra aé abjúrd and rinounst him forevur. De ívn went só fár az tu sé it woz not fit dat suc a monstur qud liv. De urí waiz men ov Gó-eam, at húz lips æ pípl wer akustumd tu ték advais, and húz né mz wer Taimservitur, Tribún-osofer and Hárlikin, had until nou bin divaided in kounsel. Wun rekomended jentnes and forbèrans tórdz æ Dragun; anuaur woz wiliŋ æ monstur and òl dat luvd him qud dipárt and bí gon, and form a pandimónium for aemselvz, suc az aé cóz; hwail æ aurd risfúzd tu giv advais íaur wé, not nóiŋ hweaur Kiŋ Magnus or Prins Jeftr wud prúv æ strongur. But hwen aé sò æ kiñz flag tórn doun, and æ sóljurz ov Sam-vnkl faird upon and drivn out ov aér kasl, and æ ratlsnéks traiumfiŋ óvur its ruinz, aíz urí waiz

men stud up wiæ yunaited vois, and bad æe pípl kum forwurd at æe kòl ov ær kin, and woç out æe stén on ær banur wiæ æe blud ov aóz dat had insulted it. And æe multitud ruçt wiæ wun impuls intu æe kounsil gróv, and æe cíf woryurz, and ci óld men, and æe mercants, and æe løyurz and spiricual dokturz haraçgd æem ær, and egzhorted æem tu fait for ær olturz and inheritansez and æe kuvenant ov ær fáurz. And æe gróv rizounded wiæ çouts, and traikulurd banurz wer huñ upon evuri trí, and æe pípl lifted up ær handz tórd hevn and tuk a solem ór dat æe wud alou nó Dragun kiñdum tu bí establiçt upon ær soil. And æe guvurnur ov æe siti, húz ném woz Rotnwud, a cíf ov æe Dragónianz, woz ær; and hwen the multitud diskuvurd him æé krouded around him and æretnd him, and tóld him dat hí olsó çud réz hiz vois for hiz kiñ and kuntri, or els bí kounted for a trétur. Só æé kompeld him tu mount æe vinigur barel and çout for Magnus Maþárba and Samuñkl.

And æe grét ármi ov Samuñkl woz gadurd akordiñ tu æe kiñz komandment, and æé komenst ær márc intu Sunland. But æe jenuralz wer kòçund tu díl jentli wiæ æe lordz and prinsez ov æe Dragónianz, and on nó akount tu mék wor upon æe Dragun himself, but ónli tu gó him hou impotent hí woz tu kontend wiæ æe fórsez ov æe kiñ, and aus fraitn him intu gud bihévyur, if hí kud not bí wun bai kaindnes. And hwen Dák Botlhóldur and Dák Miklmakl enturd intu æe

Dragónian kuntri, aé furst ov òl içúd aèr proklaméunz, enjoiniñ upon aèr folóurz and òl ae pípl tu onur and rispekt ai ogoriti ov ae Blak Dragun, and worniñ ae Kuçanz aat if aé imprúvd ai opor-túniti ov aèr másturz distres tu raiz agenst him, aé wud bí kruçt wiæ an aiurn hand. But hwail ae cífs ov ae Normen wer só tendur ov ae Drag-un, and só kèrful tu injur hiz lordz and nóblmen az litl az posibl, ae Dragónianz fòt wiæ aèr ut-móst streñç and fùri, çóïñ févur níaur tu hai nor-ló. Hwen ae kiñ sò aat òl ae smòl batlz wer góïñ agenst him, and aat insted ov bñiñ imprest wiæ a hólsum dred ov hiz pour, ae Dragónianz wer ónli ae mór imbóldnd, hí kòld for Dûk Dúit-wel, and bad him komens ae wor in ernest. And hí sent him wiæ tú skór and ten ljunz ov stalwura woryurz, orduriñ him tu mék an óvurhwelmiñ asolt on ae sentral Dragónian armi, and astur difitiñ tu pursù aem ívn tu ae géts ov Riemantoun, aèr kapital. Cen Dûk Dúitwel krost òvur ae Boundarimárk rivur and enturd Vurjinland. Af-tur márciñ tú déz hí kém tu a smòl strím kòld Bulskampur, on ai uaur said ov hwic lé ae Dragónianz stroñli fortifaid, and redi for an atak. And ae Normen advanst and fòt aem arí déz and arí naits, but kud not disloj aem, for aèr cífs wer óld woryurz, auruli skild in aèr árt, and ae wérili kept tu aèr intrenements and wud not fait on ai ópn fild. But on ae fóra dé aé máret out and joind batl, and fòt wiæ despuréçun; and aer woz a grét slótur. And hwen ae sun woz góïñ

doun, and æ Normen wer fent and wíri, æ sò ε spektur némd Pan, and æ tremblid wiæ grét fir. And hwen a fù ov æm bigan tu flai, æ terur spred amuñ æ rest, and æ lukt aís wé and cat, and ló, æ spektur woz klós upon æm. And æ gév a krai, and arú awé aér gunz and napsaks, and abandund aér wagunz and kanun, and ran az if ci era wer klívian asundur bihaind æm; æ pòzd níaur tu ít or driňk til æ got bak tu æ royal siti. But aér enemiz did not pursu æm, for æ uòt it woz a rúz. And æ nekst morniñ æ sent fóra aér skouts tu egzamin æ batl fild, and tu faind hwèr æ Normen wer. And hwen æ had fuli serct æ rijun around, and sò cat ci ármi ov Samuñkl had indíd gon bak, líviñ æ ródsaidz strón wiæ gármens and wepnz huridli kast awé, aér kurej riavíd, and æ çouted and danst, and proklémnd a grét vikturi, and òl Sunland woz fild wiæ soñz and festiviti.

And æ gadurd aér slén and wánded and berid æ ded. But meni ov æ Normen wer left abuv ground, and hwen æ fleç had dikéd and fóln of, æ karid æ bónz tu aér tents, and manúfakeurd æm intu driňkiñ kups, and fingur riñz and neklésez, and òl manur ov kárius ornaments tu prízent tu aér waivz and swíthárts, az tóknz ov aér valur, and tu hañ up az trófiz in aér kolejez and müzíumz, aloñ wiæ æ skin ov Osamiz sun, and æ skalps and skeletunz ov uaurz cat had bin sakrifaizd in onur ov aér god.



## CAPTUR VII.

**G**ORTIFAIID and konfounded at ai unlukt for dizastur ov Bulskampur, æ kiñ and hiz lordz and hiz párliment bigan tu dout hweaur aé çud bí ébl tu fraith æ Dragun out ov hiz insolens bai kiliñ of a pórçun ov hiz servants and adhírents, and hweaur it wud not bí betur tu mék wor direktli upon æ monstur himself. But æ kiñ sed, Let us dú justli, and let us spèr hiz laif if possibl. Ai hav tékn an óu tu prizerv him, akordiñ tu æ éngent stacuts; yet notwiøstan diñ cis, mai obligéçun tu æ kuntri iz grétur. It iz æ fiziçunz dûti tu sév hiz péçent wiæ hiz limz entair if hí kan; but if hí faindz cis imposibl, œen hí iz justifaïd in kutiñ of a lim tu sév æ manz laif. Só wil ai dú wiæ æ Dragun; hwen it bikumz sertin cat ai kanot sév him wiæout endén-juriñ æ kiñdum, ai wil lív him tu hiz fét, and hiz vaiolens çal kum doun upon hiz ón hed, and ai çal bí giltles ov hiz blud. œen sed æ kiñz kounselurz, Let a párt ov æ Dragunz pour bí tékn awé, and let sum ov hiz landz bí konfisketed, and

let az meni Kuçanz az ár fórst tu help him in hiz wiked wor<sup>b</sup> bí rilist from aèr bondej, and bí invited tu tek çeltur undur ae stári banur, and forevur astur let aem bí frí from ae servis and osorti ov aèr kruéel mástur. Æus çal wí tuc ae Dragun in a tendur spot, and hí wil bikum alármd, and wil bí kompeld' tu sù for pís on suc termz az wí mé diktét. And ae kiñ gév hiz konsent, and aé rót ae dikrí, and it woz rikorded amuñ ae stacuts ov ae relm.

Sun astur aís, wun ov ae kiñz cíftenz húz ném woz Dûk Frímantl, dâriñ hiz márcez in ae west, diskuvurd wun ov ae Dragunz loñ ármz ekstended out intu ae nû kuntri and grapsiñ a sték hwic hí had planted aèr az a sain ov hiz lòful pozeçun. And Frímantl tuk hiz staf and hésted, and léd hóld on ae jaigantik pò, and bound it fast tu ae sték, and gév ordurz tu hiz ofisurz cat aé çud briñ sórdz and aksez and naivz, and kut it of. Æen ae Dragun hould wiæ a bitur and móst lamentabl houl, cat ríct ívn tu ae pales, and fel upon ai írz ov ae kiñ. And hwen ae kiñ had inkwaird and lernt ae kòz, hí sent a mesenjur tu Dûk Frímantl, and ribûkt him, and ordurd him tu rilis ae Dragunz árm, and in nó waiz tu sevur it from hiz bodi, az ae wúnd mait prúv fétal, and aen hí wud bí gilti ov ae Dragunz blud. But Frímantl wud not lús ae bandz, for hí rigárded ae sléiñ ov suc a monstur az nó murdur. Nevuræles, out ov rispekt tu ae kiñz ordurz, hí let ae pò rimén az it woz, until Dûk Huntsman woz sent tu kut ae

róps and giv ai óld reprobét anucur cans for hiz laif.

But ðl æ kiñz kaindnes had nó efekt upon æ Dragun, for hí woz az proud and impírius az evur. Cen æ kiñ kold for faiv hundred ljunz ov woryurz, in adiçun tu aóz hí olredi had, and hí tuk tú hundred ljunz ov æ brévest, and plést Dûk Miklmakl at aér hed, and ordurd aem tu márc valyantli but wérili, and ték pozeçun ov ai enemiz kapital. And Dûk Miklmakl sed tu æ kiñ, Ai must trén and tíc aem bifór ai kan líd aem tu mít æ Dragónianz, lest aé çud not bí ebl tu wiastand æ çárp ej ov batl, and çud bí put tu konfújun az at Bulskampur, and wí bí agen brót tu gérm.

And æ muni in æ kiñz kofurz bigan tu gró skant, and æ góld síst tu fló from bihaind æ wòlz ov Gótam, and from æ vòlts ov Brucursiti and Bívtoun, and Rickárgó, and æ rivur bañks hwèr æ kiñz ofisurz had digd só suksesfuli yllded nó mórr. Cen Magnus Mahárba méd hiz wonts nón tu hiz ministurs and waiz men, and aé sed, Woz not muni in éngent taim obténd from æ moua ov a fiç? And tu húm çud æ kiñ luk for silvur and góld but tu Lord Gríñfiç, húm hí haz apointed tu bí óvir hiz trejuri? And æ grét kounsil past a dikrí dat æ lord trejürur çud bí rikwaird tu riplenç æ egzhòsted cests, and dat hí çud bí purmited tu manúfakeur muni out ov hwotevur matrírialz hí aðt móst konvínyent, and dat eni substans stampt and koind in æ trejuri

milz çud bí kounted for æ trú koin and kurensi ov æ relm. And Lord Gríñfiç multiplaid hiz milz, and kast aerin óld klóaz and daivurz linen and kotn fabriks, and aer kém out bûtiful soft muni, stampt wiæ imejez ov æ kiñ and hiz lordz, and ilustréted wiæ òl manur ov strénj and kúrius divaisez. And æ kultur ov it woz grín, laik æ kultur ov æ óçun. And hwen æ kiñ sò it hí woz wel satisfaid, and Samuñkl tuk it and sur-káléted it arú æ kuntri, and æ pípl were dilait-ed, and yúzd it for trafik and for æ pément ov tribút and kustumz, and nó longur komplénd ov ær burdnz.

Lord Síwordur woz olsó wun ov æ cíf minis-turz ov æ relm, and hí woz apointed tu woc æ kiñz and kuntriz biyond æ síz, and tu privent aér sendiñ óvur veselz and renduriñ asistans tn æ Dragun. And Lord Dípwotur had cárj ov æ çips ov Samuñkl, and hí sent aem tu gárd æ íst-urn kóst ov Sunland, and tu aró fairi misilz up-on æ Dragónianz, and tu draiv aem out ov aér sitiz, and tu riték æ fortezez ov Samuñkl hwic had bin stóln from him. And æ veselz skourd aloñ æ góð and went around tu æ soua ov Sun-land; and enturiñ intu æ Grét Bésn aé past on and kém tu æ moua ov Fáaurwotur rivur, on æ bañk ov hwic lé æ grét siti Fívrópolis. And Dúk Botlhóldur went up wiæ æ çips, and stormd æ fortezez and tuk æ siti, and held it in æ ném ov Kiñ Magnus Mahárba. And hí rúld ai enemiz ov æ kiñ wiæ rigur, bóø Híseç and Ci-

seq; but hí guvurnd æ pípl raicusi, and dili-  
urd æ Kuçanz out ov æ handz ov aér opresurz.

Hwail æ çips wer aus mékiñ koñkwests on  
æ staurn góðr, Dûk Miklmakl riménd in æ ro-  
yal siti kërfuli tréniñ hiz tú hundred líjunz, só dat  
hwen æ spriñ ópnd hí mait múv aem forwurd  
tórd Ricmantoun. Az sun az æ wintur had past  
æ kiñ ordurd him tu mék hést and bí gon, and  
told him dat sins hí woz afréd tu líd hiz wor-  
yurz bai æ wé ov Bulskampur, hwèr aé had sín  
æ spektur, hí mait tek aem around bai çip tu  
ai íst ov ai enenliz siti and márc from aens bai  
a çort and ízi ród. Só aé tuk çip and landed  
on ai ísturn góðr ov Vurjinland, and márct tórd  
æ Dragunz stronhöld. And hwen Dûk Miklmakl  
had kum nír tu æ siti, and biheld æ spairz ov  
æ templz, and æ fortifikéçunz bihaiind hwic æ  
Dragun had intrenot himself, and æ vast ármiz  
dat wer gaçurd around æ plés for its difens,  
and kud dizern æ formz ov æ horsez and æ  
horsmen dat wer núviñ in æ distans, and ai ópn  
mouaz ov æ grét blak gunz, hiz hártsuñk wiain  
him, and æ joints ov hiz níz bikém lús and hiz  
limz toturiñ. And hí kôld for a spéd, and sed  
tu hiz woryurz, Hwot yú sí mí dú, dat dú yí olsò.  
And hí bígan tu dig in ai era, and tu kast up  
a bañk bifór him, and hwen hí had aténd a suf-  
cient depa, hí sat doun in it, and woz sikûrli  
protekted agenst eni misilz hwic ai enemi kud  
hurl at him. And aé òl did só; and hiz woryurz  
dug for aemse'vz kumfurtabl hólz in hwic aé

mait krouc and bí sikûr. And aé wer wel plízd for a taim, but ae soil woz swompi, and aér haid-iñ plésez bikém damp and unhólsum, and aé wer atakt wiç fífurz and rúmatizmz, and aé bigan tu periç bai hundredz in a dé. And hwenevur a woryur daid, aé kuvurd him up in hiz hól, and smúad ai eru abuv him, az it woz bifór ae digin. And Dúk Miklmakl aróz on a klír morniñ and lukt óvur ae plén, and ló, ae ground woz òl bikumiñ smúa and level, and in sum plésez skërs a singl ópn hól woz tu bí sín. Den hí pursívd cat if hí riménd a fù wíks longur, ae medóz wud bí ristórd tu aér orijinal bûti and stilnes, and bí grínur and grasiur aán evur, and hí wud hav akompliçt nuuiñ eksept ae berial ov hiz woryurz binia aem. And hwen hí uto on ai ansur hí çud mék tu ae kiñ, and hou hí kud akount for ae los ov hiz ármi, hí woz fild wiç ae móst glúmi antisipéunz.

And nou ai enemiz horsmen bigan tu kroud around him mórlíosli, galupiñ in hiz rír evuri nait and uretniñ tu kut of hiz ritrit. Den hí sò cat hí must ícar fait or flai. At last hí rimemburd haviñ herd ov a fain rivur hwic lé about fór déz jurni tu ae souz, and aftur konsultiñ hiz cíf kaptins, hí ditermind tu márc akros ae swamps aná morasez tu faind it. De hól ármi woz akordiñli put in móçun, and plunjed bôldli intu ae bogs and fenz, hwèr aé sún bikermi enveloppt in kloud and mist, and in dens forests kuvurd wiç hañiñ mos, urú hwic ae sun kud seldom penetrét. Dé

olsó herd teribl houlinz bai nait, and spekturz and goblinz wer purpecuali flitiñ akros aèr páuz, and aóz aat wer sik and fibl wer tormented wiæ æ horibl aprihençun aat æ gud be left bihaind tu bí a pré for æ waild bists and monsturz ov æ wud.

Az sún az æ Dragónianz sò aat æ Normen had enturd æ swomps æ klapc aèr handz for joi, and ruçt aftur ñem, and óvurtuk ñem, and atakt ñem bifór and bihaind, and planted aèr kanun agenst ñem, and fót ñem dé aftur dé, and cést ñem wiæ aèr kavalri, and kut doun and bucurd grét numburz. But æ trúps ov Samuñkl stud aèr ground bréqli, and hurld bak aèr pursûurz wuns and agen wiæ firful slötur. And despurégun gév formnes tu aèr hárts and céndj aèr sinûz tu stíl, and æ grú só akustumd tu fait aat æ flinct not from kumbat wiæ man, goblin or dímun, and wud hav fót æ Red Dragun ov Tófet himself, if hí had kum in aèr páu. And æ rót aèr viktoriz on æ Painz and ai Óks, and swept arú æ forest wiæ a sunduriñ tramp az ov koñkururz in ai our ov aèr glóri. But æ left bihaind ñem meni ov aèr best and brévest, hú léd ñemselvz doun tu dai in mairi fenz or wer miñgld wiæ aèr fóz• amuñ æ híps ov slén.

And on æ sevnú dé æ ímerjd from æ swomps and forests, and bihóld, æ bañks ov æ bûtiful rivur wer bifór ñem. And Dûk Miklmakl bñiñ on horsbañk ród on bifór æ rest, and ríciñ æ rivur furst, hí found aèr a worbót ov Samuñkl, intu

hwic hí enturd and woz séf. And uaur çips and bóts wer prokúrd, and ae remnant ov ae grét ármi enturd intu aem and riturnd tu ae royal siti. And Dúk Miklmakl prizented aem bifór ae kiŋ, and tóld him ov ae kurej and galantri aé had displéd, and ov ae vikturiz aé had wun. But hwen Magnus Mahárba lukt upon aem and sò hou aér rañks wer aind, hí woz muc displízd, and hí wept for gríf and gérm aat his woryurz had bin sakrifiaizd, and yet ai objekt for hwic hí sent aem had not bin akompligt.





## CAPTUR VIII.

**W**EN Samuṇkl herd ov ais freç dizastur and sò æ çaturd líjünz riturniŋ from Vurjinland, hiz indignéçun woz arouzd, and hí héstnd tu æ pales hwail hiz hárt woz yet hot, and hwen hí had fórst hiz wé intu æ kiñz prezens, hí adrest him and sed, Ó kiñ Magnus Mahárba, wer yú not anointed rúlur and cíf óvur aís pípl for aér protekçun and for aér gud? And hou iz it aat yú ár mékiñ aíz holokòsts tu an infernal Dragun, giviŋ up yúr subjekts tu bí sakrifaizd bai uouzandz and tenz ov uouzandz, ívn a hundred uouzand in a yír, raçur dan alou us to kil æ vail krícur aat haz instigéted aís kruéel wor, and iz nou skíñ tu ték æ kiñz ón laif, az wel az æ laivz ov hiz pípl? And hou iz it aat yú hav sent Dûk Miklmakl, aí enemi ov æ Kuçanz and an óld and intimet akwéntans ov æ Dragun, tu beri æ sóljurz ai hav givn yú in swomps and márgez and ignóbl grévz? And hwai iz not æ trumpet blón for æ Kuçanz, tu sumun aem intu æ raçks ov æ woryurz, tu fait for aér kiñ and hiz kiñdom? Ár aé not strog and kuréjus? 'Ár aé not trú and fé-

ful, and hav aé not meni taimz rilist ae fit ov aé kiñz servants from ae jinz and traps of aér enemiz? And hwai gud ae Dragun bí aloud tu graind aér fésez and brék aér bónz and divour aem? Ár aé not fleç and blud laik ourselvz? Hav aé not húman filiñz? Dú aé not laf hwen aé ár meri, and wíp hwen aé ár sad? Dú aé not sufur hwen aé ár stárvd? Dú not aér baks smárt hwen ae hwip tèrz aér skin? Dú aér bodiz burn wiæout pén? Hou iz it dat a kiñ hú luvz justis and ekwiti haz nó piti for ae soróz ov aíz inosents? Had ae kiñ but proklémd ae Dragun a monstur and an outlò, hwen hí furst bigan ae wor, and kòld out ae Kuçanz tu avenj aemselvz ov aér opresur, our trublz wud hav loñ sins ended; ae monstur wud hav bin slén, and ae widóz and orfanz, húz huzbandz and fáutrz ai purswéded tu entur aís konflikt, wud not nou bí filiñ mai írz wiæ aér wéliñz and riprócez. Hwai gud ae kiñ kontinyu tu gó kaindnes tu ae Blak Dragun? Dú yú stil purpus tu giv mai dòtur Fridíma tu hiz unacural embrés? Wil yú sík for uaur rekordz ov bitroual, sins it iz found dat ai óld kuvenant givz ae Dragun nó klém?

Oen Magnus Mahárba, hú sò dat Samuñkl woz grétli eksaited, ansurd him míkli and sed, Rímembur, gud frend, dat yú yúrself hav aknolejd yúr promis tu giv yúr dòtur in marij tu ae Blak Dragun; yú hav ripítedli averd dat aís woz yúr understandiñ ov ae kuvenant; yú hav sent out yúr servants tu hunt up ae fújitim and riturn aem

tu bondej; yú hav círfuli péd taksez and tribút for suportiñ ae Dragun and hav çerd in hiz profits, and nou wil yú disavou yúr ón wurdz and ripûdiét yúr obligéçunz ?

Cen Samuñkl kulurd diplí, for hiz konçens kondemnd him, and hí kud not ansur a wurd.

Ce kiñ kontinyud, Yú sé it iz roñ tu opres ae Kuçanz and tu ekstort from aem lébur wiaout wéjez. Cis iz just hwot ai hav olwez aòt; but ae sól-dokturz tel mí it iz rait, and aat ae Dragun woz méd bai ae Kriétur for aís veri purpus, and aat ae sékred buks konfurm it biyond kwescun. And hwen ai maiself sí aat God haz aloud ae Dragun tu egzist for só meni éjez, and stil kíps him in bññ, ai am led tu dout hweaur hí héts ae krícur az muc az ai dú; for if it had bin left tu mí, ai wud hav put him out ov ae wé loñ agó. But ai hav nó pour óvur ae Dragun, and hwot wud it avél if ai çud sé tu ae Kuçanz, Yú ár nou dilivurd, yúr dunjun iz unlokt, yúr céñz ár brókn ? Wud mai séñ só mék it só ? Çud ai not bí laik ae fémus Bulfaitur hú atact hiz animal tu a pépur kait and sent it up tu stop ae komet ? Ai kanot ívn send a mesenjur tu Ric-mantoun ; mai sóljurz hav bin traiñ for a yír and kanot get aér ; hou am ai tu ric ae Kuçanz and tel aem aé ár rilist from ae ooriti ov aér opresurz ?

But Samuñkl woz not satisfaid, and hí sed aé mait az wel stop faitiñ if aé wer stil ditermind tu rimén in frendçip wiæ ae Dragun and rijekt ae

frendçip ov æ Kuçanz. And hí went awé dounkast and hevhárted, displízd wiæ æ kiñ for hiz konçiençusnes, and kursiñ æ dé ñat hí had evur bin dùpt bai bad advaizurz tu entur intu pátnurçip wiæ Old Skéli.

Hwen Samuñkl woz gon, æ kiñ bigan tu riflekt bitrli on æ kondiçun ov hiz kuntri, and æ mizuriz æ Blak Dragun had bròt upon it, and hí inkwaïrd wiæin himself, Iz it rait ñat òl mai subjekts çud periç for æ sék ov wun, and ñat wun æ móst hétful ov òl, a tairant and 'an enemi, húz distrukçun wud, biyond dispút, bí a publik benefit? Am ai not dúiñ roñ tu Samuñkl and Fridíma, and tu æ pípl ov æ land, bai sakrifaz-iñ aem at æ çrain ov aís bludi Mólok? Duz not mai óq tu protekt òl ñi inhabitants rikwair ñat ai çud puniç aóz hú injur æ rest? If æ Dragun iz entaïld tu mai protekçun, iz hí not olsó laiabl tu penaltiz for hiz roburiz and hiz murdurz and hiz ribelyunz?

And æ kiñ kud not slíp ñat nait for æ multitud ov aðts ñat prest on hiz memuri, and for piti ov æ reced Fridíma, húz kraiz for protekçun hí had só lón disgrigárded; and hí nou bígán tu riproc himself for haviñ kóldli turnd hur awé, hwen hí çud hav ceriçt hur az hiz best frend. Aftur rivolviñ æ matur in hiz brén for a lón taim, hí fainali konklúded ñat hí wud indulj æ Blak Dragun in hiz wéwurdnes nó loñgur; ñat hí wud apoint him a dé for ripentans and rekonsiliéçun, and aftur ñat if hí çud persist in hiz

wiked and wontun wor, hí wud içú a dikri for hiz ekspulçun from æ fer plénz ov Sunland, hwèr hí had set up hiz ooriti, and for æ liburéçun ov ðl æ Kuçanz aat wer hiz bondmen.

And hwen æ morniñ woz kum æ kiñ aróz erli, and enturd intu hiz klozet, and put hiz uòts tu raitiñ in æ form ov a proklaméçun, oftriñ a frí párdú tu æ Dragun and hiz adhírents, and setiñ Lim a taim tu dizist from hiz worfèr and bikum rekonsaïld tu Samuñkl, and worniñ hinu ov hiz fét if hí çud stil longur rifûz. And hí kòld hiz lordz tugeaur for kounsel, and çód aem hwot hí had ritn. And nun ov aem sed ðt agenst it, for æ sò aat æ kiñ rezolûçun woz fikst. Cé wer olsó glad aat æ Dragun woz at last tu mit hiz ñizerts. Cen sed Lord Síwordur, for hí woz waiz and fár-síñ, and undurstud taimz and síznz, Cí ofur and worniñ hwic æ kiñ purposez tu mék tu æ Blak Dragun ár gud, but æ taim iz not propiçus. For ñí ármiz ov æ kiñ ár nou drivn bak, and æ Dragónian kaptinz and horsmen ár presiñ upon us sórli, ívn tu æ géts ov æ kapital, and æ hárts ov æ pípl ár melted laik waks. And hwen æ nûz ov aís uretniñ iz spred abròd, ðl men wil sé it iz æ kiñ last krai ov dispèr, for hí iz subdúd bai æ Dragónianz, and in hiz ekstremiti hí luks tu æ Kuçanz for help; not aat hí kérz for æ Kuçanz or dizairz tu protekt aem, níaur haz hí eni rispekt or piti for æ wondriñ and reced Fridíma, but selfiçnes and fir konstrén him. Só æ néçunz wil skorn us, and

æ pípl ov Sunland wil traumf óvur us and mok our impotenci, and gró boldur in fait dan bifór. Radur let æ kiŋ wét for a móð ospiçuz sízn; and let our jenuralz ról bak æ taid ov wor intu æ enemiz kuntri, and let our invinsibl hósts agen stand bifór Ricmantoun. Hwen aís advantej iz génd, let æ kiŋ içú hiz proklaméçun aud hiz worniŋ, and ordén liburti tu æ kaptivz, and òl æ Kuçanz wil ruç tu join us and æ Dragun rés çal kwék arúout òl Sunland, and aen az koñkursturz wi wil priskraib æ kondiqunz ov pís. And æ kiŋ sed, Ois kounsel iz gud; wi wil wét for æ betur taim.





## CAPTUR IX.

RINS JEFUR and æ Dragon wēr nou in klós konsultéçun, and hwen æ sò æ diskumflicur ov æ Normen, and hou æ had gaæurd around ær kapital in terur, æ léd ær planz for invédiñ and koñkuriñ ðl Norland. And æ sent of Bóldrobin in hést, and ordurd him tu lé wést æ tounz and sitiz, and síz æ silvur and góld, and æ floks and herdz, and evuri aïñ upon hwic hiz woryurz kud lé ðer handz. And bñiñ eksídiñli puft up wiæ véngloðri, Prins Jefur gév ordurz at æ çud ték kaptiv **Magnus Mahárba** himself, and briñ him in céñ dat hí mait gó him tu æ Dragon.

Mínhwail æ kiñ, pursíviñ æ dénjur ov líviñ an ópn ród bai hwic hiz enemiz mait advans tu atak æ kapital, had sent of anucur ármi tórdz Ricmantoun bai æ wé ov Bulskampur, tu draiv bak æ hòti hósts dat wer ruçin óvur æ Rapidrun and Rapidnokiñ rivurz, and arú æ vali ov æ Çainiñdór. And hí divaided ai ármi intu bandz and plést óvur aem Dûks Pontif and Dúitwel anl Stroñbír, and væur brév jenuralz. And æ kiñ sed it woz bai ðl mínz fitiñ dat æ Pontif çud bí

abuv æ rest, só hí gév him æ cíf komand. But Dûk Pontif woz a yuñ woryur, and æ oldur cífs wer jesus, and displizd ñat a stripliñ çud bí plést óvur æm.

And hwen hí ríct æ Rapidnokiñ rivur hí asembld hiz woryurz and harañd æm, and tóld æm ær wud bí nó mórm dizasturz, for æ had met ær last difit and méd ær last ritrif, and nou ær brouz wer tu bí kround wiæ æ caplets ov vikturi. Só hí spred out hiz ármi aloñ æ rivur bañk tu privent æ Dragónianz from krosiñ, but ær kém on in swormz laik lókusts, and hwail hí woz gárdiñ wun spot ær daçt óvur in anucur. And hwen hí sò hou grétili ær numburz eksíded hiz ón, hí bikém alármd, and sent and bisót Dûk Miklmakl tu giv him mórm woryurz, and fúid for hiz men and horsez. But Dûk Miklmakl sed hí çud hav nón betur ñan tu gó ñat wé, and nou hí mait get himself bak az hí kud.

Gen Dûk Pontif sò ñat hí woz in an ívl kés, and hí gaçurd hiz woryurz around him, tú skór and ten líjunz, and fót æ sekund grét batl ov Bulskampur agenst an óvurhwelmiñ multitûd ov Dragónianz. And Dûk Stroñbír stud aluf and wud not help him in hiz ekstremiti; but Dûk Dúitwel, and Dûk Heneman, and Horntosur, and Cárpsíkl, and æ vaur dûks and kaptinz fót valyantli, and kept up æ fait sevn déz. For æ sed, Wí must nou ritrifv æ dizasturz ñat bifel us last yír bai rízn ov æ spektur. But hwen æ bi-held æ kóhorts ov æ Dragónianz multiplaiñ, and

kumiṇ on bai tenz and hundredz ov ƿouzandz, and sò ae touriṇ plûmz ov Bóldrobin, and ae majestik straids ov Loṇstep, and herd ae ƿundur-iṇ ov Stónijaks kavalri, aé pursívd aér kés woz hóples. And gaðuriṇ up ae remnants ov aér broken bandz, aé méd aér wé bak, az best aé kud, and bituk aemselvz for ցeltur tu ae stroñhóldz on ae baṇks ov ae Boundarimárk.

Folóiṇ çárp astur ae kiŋz ármi ruçt ae líjunz-ov Stónjak and Loṇstep, wiæ Bóldrobin bihaind aem. Urú ae Čainiñdór vali and óvur ae Boundarimárk rivur aé swept laik a hwurlwind. And ten ƿouzand ov ae Norland woryurz wer kípiṇ gárd in ae vali ov ae Hárpurz, and aé wer hárpiṇ and siŋiṇ soṇz in prez ov Samuṇkl and Fridína, and ov Osami ae mártur, for dat woz ae spot hwèr hí fel. And ae Dragónianz surrounded aem, and tuk aem kaptiv, and bad aem haŋ aér hárps on ae wilóz and siŋ nó mórm.

And ae kiŋ woz sórli purpleckst and sik at hár, and hí went intu hiz klozet and çut ae dór, and préð tu ae God ov hevn, and voud a vou, séiṇ, If God wil but giv mí rilif aís wuns, aen wil ai nó longur dilé, but wil appoint ae Dragun hiz dé, and astur alouiṇ him spés for ripentans, ai wil proklém a dikrí ov outlòri agenst him, and hí çal bí eksterminéted and distroid, and huŋ up az a spektakl in ae sait ov òl néçunz.

And ae kiŋ woz in a grét strét, for hí had nó jenural on húm hí kud rilai tu líd hiz woryurz at suc a kritikal taim. For Dük Miklmakl had ri-

turnd in dizonur from Riemantoun, and bisaidz dat, hí woz veri tendur ov æ Dragónianz, and hí had wornd æ kiñ not tu mék wor upon æ Dragunz én royal persun, but ónli tu terifai him stmhwot bai draiviñ bak hiz ármiz. Nor woz æ kiñ wiliñ tu entrust æ komand tu Dúks Pontif and Dúitwel, hú had olredi bin traid and found unébl tu kóp wiæ æ dèriñ proues ov Bóldrobin. Só hí kòld hiz kounselurz, Lord Síwordur, and Lord Blériþtrump, and Lord Stampon aat wóz æ kiñz ármi-skraib. Æten sed Lord Stampon, Wí must hav a nû cíf; but ai væurz priferd Dúk Miklmakl, for æt sed, Hí iz a Dimókrian, and if wí dismis him òl æ Demókrianz wil dizert æ kiñ, and æen wil it bí wurs wiæ us dan it iz nou. And æ kiñ sed, Rait; it iz not waiz tu swop horsez in æ middl ov a strím. Só Dúk Miklmakl woz sent forwurd wiæ a grét ármi, and hí enkounturd æ Dragónianz in æ suðurn mountinz ov Midlland, and set in aré agenst æm Horntosur wiæ hiz líjunz, and Franckman and Burniñbrand, and æt méd a grét slótur ov ai invédurz, and cést æm up æ saidz ov æ mountinz, and óvur æ roki krests, and doun intu æ vali bihaiind æm, hwèr woz a smòl rivur kòld Antíturz krík. Æten Bóldrobin krost æ strím, and tuk pozeçun ov æ hilz aat lé in æ form ov a krescent on æ western bank, and pripèrd for a grét batl. And æ kiñz ármi enkampt on ai ísturn said, and léd æmselfz doun tu rest for æ nait, séiñ. Tumoró is æ dé ov wor, hwic iz Wódenz.

And hwen æ ai-ópnur bigan tu klaim óvur ai  
 fíturn hilz æ woryurz rouzd from eér slumburz  
 and komenst æ fait. And æ batl wakst firfuli  
 bludi and kontinyud ðl dé. On æ noru Horntosur  
 réjd laik a madnd bul, and swept doun æ  
 Dragónianz wiæ hiz artileri; but hí woz at leñg  
 wínded and meni ov hiz kaptinz kild. And  
 hwen Dúk Sumunur sò it hí sumund hiz band ov  
 veturanz and prest forwurd tu fil up æ vékant  
 rañks and hóld fast æ ground eæt had bin wun.  
 Nou hwen æ núntaid woz past, æ Dragónian kol-  
 umz róld tórd æ souæ, and aér æ fel upon Burn-  
 iñbrand, hú woz krosin æ rivur on a stón brij  
 in ordur tu kut of aér ritrit. Hír æ fót til æ  
 sun went doun, and æ kiñz trúps rested on aér  
 ármiz, ekspektiñ tu rinu æ batl on æ moró. But  
 on æ moró nô batl kém, for Bóldrobin had dis-  
 apírd. Cen sed Burniñbrand and Horntosur,  
 Nou iz our taim tu bí up and aftur aem; but  
 Dúk Miklmakl sed, Nô, wí ár not ébl; for æ  
 Dragónianz ár stron, and æ wil líd us intu an  
 ambuç; só hí let aem dipárt in kwaiet. And  
 aé riturnd and went tu aér ón kuntri, and ripórt-  
 ed tu Prins Jefur and æ Dragun æ misforcunz  
 eæt had bifòln aem.

Hwen Magnus Mahárba sò eæt hiz prér woz  
 ansurd, and eæt God had givn him æ vikturi  
 óvur hiz enemiz, hí rimemburd hiz vou eæt hí  
 had méd, and hí sent for hiz skraibz and kòzd  
 aem tu kopi æ raitiñ hí had ritn, eæt it mait  
 bí skaturd amuñ æ pípl. And hí sed wicin

himself, Nou wil ai divaid mai enemiz, and ai wil ofur a riword tu aóz aat çal forsék æ Blak Dragon and riturn untu mí, and hwen ai hav bai cis mínz ríkuvurd a pórgun ov aem, ai kan ízili subdû æ riméndur. Só hí kòzd æ raitiñ tu bí waizli and kèrfuli wurded, promisiñ tu æ pípl ov òl æ pro-vinsez aat çud rinouns and abjúr æ súpremasi ov æ Dragun, and in tókn ov aèr obídiens send up aèr mesenjurz tu æ grét kounsil, aat æ past çud bí forgivn, and qé çud bí aloud tu mék aèr ón guvurnment, and tu manej aèr ón afèrs az afórtaim. And if aé nou submited aé çud bi pur-mited tu ritén aèr helots in servis; or if aé wud konsent tu rilís aem for a ransum, aen hí wud prokár from æ grét kounsil æ prais at hwic aé çud bí valyud, and astur aat æ kaptivz çud gó frí, and hí wud transpórt aem tu aèr éngent kuntri or tu sum vaur hapi klaim. But for æ Dragun and aóz hú kontinyud tu fait hiz batíz, and tu kil æ sól-jurz ov Samuñkl, astur æ píriud ov wun hundred déz, hwic wud terminét on æ furst dé ov æ Gét-muna ov æ nekst nù yír, aèr çud bí nó párdn, and òl æ helots aat servd aem çud bi set frí wiçout a ransum, and çud bí at liberti tu gó hwèr aé plízd, and æ kiñz ármiz çud not ristór aem tu aèr opres-urz, but çud protekt and difend aem in aèr fri-dum; and aüs æ pour and glóri ov æ Dragun wud bí brót tu an end, and hí wud periç and bi-kum ekstiñkt, for hiz praid and for hiz trizn, and for hiz kraim hwic hí had komited in ribeliñ agenst ai otoriti and gtvurnment ov æ kiñ.



## CAPTUR X.

**S**AMUNKL and hiz dòtur wer nou sumund tu æ pales. And æ kiŋ çód æm æ rait-iŋ hí had ritn; and hí sed tu Samuŋkl, Fridíma çal nó longur bí a füjtitv and a vagabond; hensfóru qí çal abaid in mai pales az a dòtur. For æ Blak Dragun haz kild and distroid our pípl, and haz rendurd himself unwurai ov protekçun; nevuræles, it wud not bí rait to dipóz and baniç him wiçout giviŋ him a fèr oportûni for ripentans and rekonsiliéçun. Ai hav aerför givn him a hundred déz ov grés; let òl aiŋz rimén az æ wer til æ taim bí past, and æn ai wil içu mai dikrí and dipóz him from hiz prinsli stét. And for Fridímaz sék ai wil ransum æ Kuçanz from ær bondej; and ai wil purces for æm sum hapi ailand hwicur æ mé biték æmselvz and bí nó mór oprest, and æ tendur hárт ov yúr jentl dòtur çal bí nó longur céft and tórn wiç æ kraiz and æ sufuriŋz ov ci inosent.

Æn sed Samuŋkl, Æe wurd ov æ kiŋ iz gud; but supóz æ Dragun gud akzept yúr ofur, and æ provinsez and pípl send up ær mesenjurz luför ai ópniŋ ov æ Gétmunu, çal æn òl bí

ristórd az bifór? Çal æ laivz ov mai sóljurz hav bin sakrifiaizd for nót? Çal æ Kuçanz hú hav bifrended aem and lúst ðér fit from æ snèrz, bí agen riturnd tu bondej? Çal ai éngent kuvenant bí rivaivd, and Fridíma bí yunaited for laif tu ðat hidius óld monstur? For nó, ó kin, ðat æ Blak Dragun çal nevur risív æ hand ov mai dòtur in marij; and móðr dan ðat, astur hwot haz hapnd, hí and gí kanot liv upon æ sém kontinent; and stil furaur, az mai ném iz Samuñkl, and az æ blud ov a jaiant rés flóz urú mai vénz, cis árm çal hunt him from çór tu çór, til hiz káarkas iz berid faiv ouzand facumz díp in æ solt sí, aloŋ wiæ æ hundred ouzand hwaitniq skel- etunz ov hiz mizurabl viktímez not yet kuvurd bai ai ensepulkuriq úz!

Stop, stop, sed Magnus Mahárba, yú ár tú muc eksaited. Yú nó ðat wi must dú justli, and obzerv æ kuvenant ov æ fáðurz. Ai hav but veri litl hóp ðat æ nóblyz and prinsez ov æ Dragun wil akzept mai ofer. Perhaps ai çal not suksíd wiæ æ pípl ov a singl provins. But if æ çud riturn at mai invitégun, ðér raits must bí rispekt-ed. And astur æ hav submitted tu mai oðoriti, if æ çud stil wiç tu onur and supórt æ Blak Dragun, subjekt tu æ lóz ov æ kuntri, wi kanot fórs aem tu baniç him from ðér midst. But ai çal dú mai best tu purswéd aem, and wil giv aem olmóst eni féfur æ ask if æ wil aban-dun him. Az tu giviq up Fridíma tu æ Drag-un, if hí çud insist upon hiz klém, lív ðat tu mí.

Ai wil endevur tu pasifai him wiæ a ransum. Trubl not yúrself and Fridíma wiæ yúsles firz ov hwot wil probabli nevur hapn. If it çud unfor- cunetli bikum nesesari tu yunait Fridíma, in ak- ordans wiæ ci orijinal bond, tu wun for húm ci haz nó afekçun, ai wil ték kér dat ci iz tríted wiæ evuri rispekt. Ci çal nevr, hwail ai liv, bí fórst tu okúpai æ poziçun ov a mírial. And ci çal bí aloud tu spend æ grétur pórcun ov evuri yír on hur févurit noraurn hilz. Yúr dò- tur, ai am ciúr, wil olwez bí redi, az ai am, tu mék a sakrifiaiz ov hur ón praivet filiñz hwen nesesari for æ salvéçun ov hur kuntri.

Cen Fridíma kud nó longur kontén hursel, and ci bigan tu krai and sob biturli. Kliñiñ klóslí tu hur fácur and líniñ hur hed upon hiz góldur, ci tremblid in evuri lim, az an aspen líf tremblz in æ wind. And hwen ci had pártli rikuvurd hursel ci sed, Hwot iz cis dat æ kiñ haz dun? For æ kiñ haz put mai laif in jepurdi, and mai enemiz wil nou araiz and kombain for mai distrukçun, and wiæ aér flaturiñ wurdz æ wil disív æ kiñ, and az sún az dé hav méd aér pís wiæ hím æ wil persiküt mí móð dan evur, and æ pür inosent Kuçanz wil bí trodn tu æ dust, and hunted and kild upon æ mountinz and in æ valiz, and in æ kévz hwèr æ hav hid aemselvz. Ó hou kan ai endûr tu witnes æ sufuriñz ov cis kaind afekçunet pípl? For æ ár tu mí az ón bruaurz and sisturz, and eksept dilivurans bí grant- ed aem, let æ kiñ nó açüredli dat ai çal dai

wia aem, and mai prezens çal nevur móð bí a trubl tu æ kiñ or tu hiz pípl, and mai néð çal periç and bí forgotn from amuñ ñi inhabitants ov ñis land. And gí ruñ hur handz for æ bitur grif and angwiç ov hur sól.

Oen æ kiñ woz trubld, and hí wept, and sed tu hur fáaur, Kumfurt æ médn, and pasifai hur, and dout not at òl wil yet bí wel. Só æ bid hur drai hur tírz, and hur fáaur tóld hur hí woz preti gúr æ Dragónianz wud rijekt æ kiñz prozáal. Hur taim ov traial wud· bí but for a fù wiñks, and oen hur soróz wud òl bí óvur, æ Blak Dragun wud periç and siñk tu obliuion, æ kaptivz bí diliwurd from ær bondz, and òl æ pípl wud héł hur az æ hapi kwín ov a nû and betur éj. But Fridíma kud not huç up hur kraiñ, and gí bisót æ kiñ dat hí wud let hur ritair tu æ forests and kompóz hursel, and rimén ær til æ hundred déz wer past. Tu ñis æ kiñ wud not konsent, for hí sed, Cí wil lúz hur rizn if left alón wiç ñis añzaieti préin upon hur. Hí fird olsó dat gí mait in a raç móment eskép from æ kuntri and flai tu sum uður land, and só fulfil æ wurd gí had spókn, dat hí and hiz pípl çud sí hur nó móð. Hí kept hur ærfór in æ pales, kérfuli woct and gárded, and hí gév hur æ best rúm, and invaited hur fáaur and frendz tu vizit hur evuri dé, dat æ mait súa and enkurej hur. Notwiastandiñ ól ær efórtz tu mék hur hapi, æ kud not ristór hur tu hur nacural bwoiansi. For Fridíma felt dat gí woz a priznur, and dat gí woz stil in

dénjur ov a fét wurs dan deu, and dat aér woz nó sertinti ov rilif for æ kaptivz óvur húz bondej qí mórnd. Ofn in æ nait qí wud wék from stártliŋ drímez, hur hárt ubobiŋ konvulsivi. And evuri dé qí lisnd wiæ intrest tu æ rúmurz, hweaur ov pís or wor, dat kém from Sunland, hópiŋ, yet skërsli dèriŋ tu bilív, dat æ Dragun wud pur-sist in hiz foli til hiz dé ov grés woz past. Sum-taimz, hwen wòkiŋ in æ pales groundz, qí wud riflekt biturli on æ kondukt ov æ kiŋ, séiŋ dat hí woz unjust, and dat hí had nó rait tu ofur æ Kuçanz az a braib tu win bak æ Dragónianz. Qí kud not understand ci óld kuvenantz, nor æ kiŋz eksplanéçun ov aem; for qí sed if æ kuve-nants wer for uphóldiŋ injostis aé wer an abhor ens tu æ God ov hevn, az muc az aé wer tu hur. And furaur, qí did not bilív a robur kud akwair æ rait tu rob bai mékiŋ a kuvenant wiæ eni bodi eksept de parti tu bí robd; and it woz not pri-tended, dat æ Kuçanz had enturd intu eni ov æ kuvenants kwóted bai æ kiŋ in justifikéçun ov æ Dragunz ogoriti tu opres. Az for hurslef, qí dímd it a grós outréj for hur fácur or eni wun els tu mék kuvenants and alaianse for hur agenst hur wil, and qí kòld upon òl æ wiñed énjelz tu lend aér pinyunz and bér hur tu sum uaur sfír, if aér çed evur bí an atemt tu fórs hur intu æ Dragunz ármz.

But hwen æ Dragonianz herd ov æ kiŋz ofur and gretniŋ aé diraided aem and sed, Wí hav but tu hóld on and bí form a litl longur, and æ vik-

turi iz ourz. And æ kiñ agen sent for hiz ofisurz and bad æm put aèr ármiz in móçun, and márc direktli agenst æ kapital and pales ov æ Dragun. And Dûk Burniñbrand woz komiçund tu líd æ wé. And hwen hí had ríct æ Rapidnokiñ rivur and krost óvur tu ai ucur said, hí sò bifór him a hai hil and around it a grét and stroñ wòl. And hwen hí drú nír, it bikém a wòl ov fair, and belct fóru çourz ov deu-diliñ misilz amuñ his woryurz. And meni ov æm fel ded upon æ plén, and æ ritríted wuns and agen bifór æ fairi ruín. And Horntosur begd ov Burniñbrand qat hí wud kíp awé from æ wòl, for hí woz fraitnd at æ numburz ov æ slén. But Burniñbrand wud not lisn, for hí sed æ must gén pozeçun ov æ hil, kost hwot it mait. Só hí wévd aloft hiz flémiñ brand in æ presens ov hiz hól ármi for æ uurd taim, and æ ruçt forwurd, and æ Dragónianz móð æm doun az bifór, and païld æ plén wiæ æ ded and daiñ, ívn ten ouzand men. And Burniñbrand had yet fór skór and ten ouzand woryurz left; and astur æ sun went doun hí gacurd hiz dâks and cífs in koñsil, and told æm qat hwen æ morniñ brók æ must daç æ remnant ov aèr ármi wuns mór upon æ wòl, if peradvencur æ mait tek it. And òl æ cífs bigan tu murmur, for æ sed, Hwai çud wí ripít qis foli, and bit out æ bréNZ ov æ kiñz sóljurz bai uróin æm agenst æ wòl, hwen wí kanot ríct æ Dragónianz qat ár bihaiind it? Qen Dûk Burninbrand sò qat hiz supórturz had òl feld him,

and hí woz haili displízd, and ordurd ci ármi tu bí wiadrón tu æ norðurn bank ov æ rivur. And aér woz grét wélin and lamentéçun arúout Norland for æ ten thouzand woryurz cat had fóln bifór æ fairi wól. And hwen æ Dragun sò it hí grind from ír tu ír, and bikém móð ditermind can evur not tu submit tu æ kiñ or risív hiz of-urd párdn.

Dùriñ æ hól taim ov probéçun cat had bin givn tu æ Blak Dragun, ci ármiz ov æ kiñ wer put tu æ wurs bifór aér enemiz. For æ kud nó longur hír æ vois or risív æ mesejez ov Fridíma, and æ pour ov hur nérm az a wocwurd woz lost. And sum ov æ profets cat wer ov ci Iradikéturz sed cat God woz angri wiç aem for ofuriñ tu purces ci alaianz and gud wil ov æ Dragun wiç æ toil and tirz and laifblud ov æ Kuçanz, and cat æ stárz in aér kórsez wer faitin agenst aem, and cat æ wud nevur bí ébl tu kop-kur aér enemiz until Fridíma woz aloud tu réz hur banur óvur ðl æ land for æ protekçun ov ðl ci inhabitants aérov.

And Dúk Rózikroun, hú had bin sent tu woc æ mûvments ov Grétbrag biyond æ Ajur klifs and Aligétur mountenz, rizolvd cat æ yír çud not pas wiçout æ glóri ov sum vikturi for História tu rikord in hur daiari. Hí aersför gadurđ tugecur hiz bandz cat wer skaturd abròd, tú skór and ten líjunz, and márcet tórd Muaurzburó, hwèr Grétbrag and Brékiñbrij and fifty líjunz ov Dragó-nian woryurz had pict aér tents and bilt aér ki-

cenz, and had sat doun tu ít and dríñk, and tu mék cemselvz kumfurtabl for æe wintur. And hwen aé herd cat Rózikroun woz advansiñ aé róz up in hést, and kém out tu giv him batl on æ banks ov æ Stónifork rivur. And hwen aurti déz ov æ Dóziembur munu had past, and ai ejed yír, sik and sad-hárted, haviñ léd himself doun tu dai, unfolded hiz mantl tu ték wun mór soróful luk at æ morniñ sun, aen æ tú ármiz bigan aér dedli fré. And æ Dragónianz ruç upon Rózikroun in aér fúri, and hí kud not stand bifór aem, and æ swept doun hiz ljunz bai hundredz and aouzandz, ivn faiv aouzand men; and aé tuk tú aouzand kaptivz and twenti grét gunz. Then Rózikroun fel bak tu æ plés hí okúpaid at ai ópniñ ov æ fait, and aér hí held fast hiz ground, and gagurd his woryurz around him, and bad aem ték hárt wuns mór, and rimembur cat æ dárkest our woz just bifór æ brékiñ dòn.

And só it prúvd; for æ veri nekst dé æ skél ov 'batl turnd, and æ garlandz ov vikturi blos-umd on æ brou ov Rózikroun. And hí turnd upon 'hiz enemiz, and aé fled bifór him, and hi cést aem tu aér kamps, and dróv aem souawurd wiæ a grét slðtur.





## CAPTUR XI.

ÓRDZ ai end ov æ hundred déz Fridíma grú mór and mór eksaitabl, and hur purpecual wociṇ for æ slaitest hwiſpur ov dout or ov hóp had givn hur a won eik and a fivurd puls. De déz wer kérfuli kounted, and at lengt gí bigan tu kount æ ourz. On æ last dé hur aŋzaieti woz só intens dat gí wud stárt at æ rusliṇ ov a líf, fansiṇ dat mesenjurz had kum from æ Blak Dragun. Fainali, hwén gí sò æ sun gó doun and klóz its glériṇ and bludçot ai bináæ æ silkn frinjez ov æ twailait, and hwen æ sòt ruçt upon hur brén dat æ loŋ aguni woz óvur, and dat hur destini woz séf, gí brók fóru intu a konvulsiv grík and swínd awé. Hwen gí had rikuſvurd gí found hurselſ ſurounded bai hur fácur and frendz, hú had kum tu kongraculét hur upon hur gud forcun, and æ dilivurans ov æ kaptivz from aér prizn-hous. And òl dat ſimpataizd wiā hur, in tounz and ſitiz, gaſurd tugeaur tu woc ai out-góiṇ ov æ melankoli yír, and tu pré for æ hapi entrans ov a betur éj.

But æ nait woz dárk and glúmi, and strénj noizez wer herd, and hwiſliṇz in æ èr, and a

flapiṇ ov wiṇz, az ov dímonz enréjd bikðz aèr taim woz çort. And ae glúm rested upon ae land til midnait. And hwen ae Gétmunā hwic ópnd intu ae nû fra bigan tu turn upon its hinjez, and ae grét belz in ae tourz komenst aèr riṇin, aèr kém a soft hwait lait cat spred its rédians óvur ae skai, and çón in at ae windóz, and wiç it a swít meludi az ov distant worbliṇz, and ðl cat herd it sed, It iz ae sound ov ae kumiṇ fra! Ci énjelz ár siṇin aèr óld soṇ ov Pís on era and gud wil tu men! And ae burdz in aèr bourz aðt ae morniṇ had kum; and aé tú bigan tu worbl melódiusli; and soft gélz kém up from Sunland, laik ae gélz ov Arabi, lédn wiç diliçus perfümz. And ðl ae pípl bigan tu siṇ, and Fridíma saṇ, and ae ourz glaided bai bifór aé wer awèr, and ae morniṇ brók.

And az ae dé advanst ae pípl weted in aŋkçus ekspektéçun for ae kiṇz dikrí hwic hí had promist, and aé sed, Iz not aís ae dé for liburétiṇ ae kaptivz? And iz not ae dé ov grés for ae Dragun past? Iz not hiz dúm tu bí pronounst aís dé? And sum sed, Magnus Mahárba nevur yet brók hiz word; uaurz sed, Hí dèr not baniç ae Dragun or dipraiv him ov hiz servants; uaurz, dat it wud not bí just; uaurz stil, dat it wud bí beyond ae kiṇz pour tu kari suc a dikrí intu eksíkùçun.

Cen ae kiṇ gaaurd hiz ministurz and skraibz, and sed, Yí nó ae worniṇ cat haz bin givn; and nou ae wurd cat haz bin spókn must bí akom-

pligt. Só hí inkwaird hou meni provinsez aer wer cat had sent nó mesenjurz tu æ grét kounsil. And aé ansurd him, Ten. And hí kòzd aér némez tu bí inserted in æ dikrí hwic hí had pri-pèrd. And æ form ov æ raitiñ woz cis :

Hwèraz æ Blak Dragun, éded bai tríznabl and wiked kounselurz, haz méd wor agenst hiz kiñ and kuntri, and aèrbai forfited òl rait tu protekçun ;

And hwèraz a proklaméçun haz bin méd givin worniñ and taim for ripentans, and ofuriñ párdn tu òl pípl and provinsez in ármz, on kondiçun ov aér submiçun wiain æ píriud ov wun hundred déz, hwic hundred déz hav ekspaird ;

Nou, aérfor, ai, Magnus Mahárba, kiñ ov æ Yunaited Oksident, dú publiç and diklèr cat òl persunz held kaptiv wiain æ foloiñ provinsez, tu wit: Vurjinland, Norø and Souø Karulurz, Gor-jusland, Flouriglédz, Ailandbámi, Fácurwotur, Árk-enjel, Lüisland, and Tékusin, ár hensfóra and gal forevur bí Frí; and aér frídum gal bí menténd bai æ naçunal ármi and névi; and aé gal bí emploid tu garisun fórts and tu serv aér kuntri, and tu lébur for wéjez hwèrevur aé cúz; and aé gal hav æ rait ov self difens if aséld bai aér enemiz.

And æ lordz and kounselurs ov æ kiñ aprúvd æ dikrí. And æ ministur cat woz óvur æ kiñz trejuri sed, Let it bí aded cat cis akt iz purformd in æ nérm ov justis, and dedikéted tu Olmaiti God. And æ kiñ konsented. And hí saind æ dikrí, hí and Lord Siwordur, and aé

sild it wiæ æ grét sīl and sent it fóru tu bí  
publiçt urúout òl æ land.

Oen æ kiñ kold Fridíma and tolđ hur dat hí  
had fulfilld his promis, and dat gí çud nevur mó  
bí trubld or persikúted bai æ Blak Dragun, but  
çud bí at liburti tu róm at hur plejur urú æ hól  
kuntri, Sunland az wel az Norland, and tu risív  
æ luv and homej ov ai inhabitants and æ grét-  
ful uankz ov æ liburéted Kuçanz, and dat hur  
ném çud bí jinskraibd on òl æ kiñz banurz. Hí  
aded olsó æ hóp dat gí mait wun dé bikum kwín  
ov òl néçunz. Oen Magnus Mahárba tuk hur  
hand and kist it, and begd hur forgivnes for  
hwotevur roñ hí mait hav dun hur. And gí kist  
æ kiñ on bóu cíks, and æ kiñ wept. For Fri-  
díma bñiñ ov hevnli orijin aer woz a kurent ov  
silescal flektrisiti dat flód from hur lips az dé tuct  
æ kiñz cík, penetrétiñ hiz hól frém and kindliñ  
in hiz brest æ sém flém ov impárçal benevolens  
tu òl pípl wiæ hwic gí hurselw woz inspáird. And  
æ kiñ bikém az a nû man, and hí felt wiain  
himself dat hí had nou risívd æ trú royal anoint-  
in, and from dat our hí woz evur redi and wiliñ  
tu lé doun hiz laif for ai objekt ov hiz divóçun.  
And hiz lordz, wun aftur anuaur, tuk æ hand  
ov Fridíma and kist it. And æ akumpanid hur  
out intu æ stríts ov æ siti, and a çout laik æ  
sound ov maiti uunduriñz gríted hur az gí müvd  
alon. And æ pípl stród rózez in hur pañ, and  
æ Kuçanz gagurd around hur, and urú aemselvz  
at hur fit, and wept for ekses ov joí.

And móst wundurful it woz tu sí hou æ hól  
 Oksident braitnd wiſ dilait az ai ekóz ov æ siles-  
 cal mûzik flóted awé on æ wiñz ov æ wind tu  
 æ distant mountenz, and arú æ valiz and for-  
 ests, and hwèr æ rijoisiñ rivurz went póriŋ aér  
 kristal fludz intu æ sí. And ai evurgrinz ópnd  
 aér brancez lüvinli tu æ gélz cat kist aem az aé  
 went past; and ai aisiklz cat huŋ around æ  
 hwaitnd top ov Mount Egúcik sofnd intu tírz ov  
 tendurnes; and òl aloŋ æ Roki krest cat óvur-  
 luks æ Písful Sí, ai íglz wer out on poized wiŋ,  
 survéiñ æ nû bûtiz ov æ wurld binía aem; and  
 æ kloudz huŋ out aér luvliest banurz ov red,  
 hwait and blû òl óvur æ skai; and aí óçunz sent  
 of aér worm kurents tu melt æ aisburgz, and tu  
 swíp around ai ailandz and æ Grét Orient, and  
 tu ról up aér wévz óvur æ Bárbarus górz ov Ku-  
 ça, and æ burniñ sandz ov Óftr, and æ grín del-  
 laz ov æ Flouri Land, and tu woç out æ fut-  
 prints and æ blædstéñz hwic æ Blak Dragun and  
 his fácur had left bihaind aem in evuri kuntri  
 hwèr aé had had aér habitéçun.





## CAPTUR XII.

**A**CUR dan brék ae gred ov mai narativ in ai íst, ai aðt it betur tu bí sumhwot tárdi in síziñ ae striñ ov okurensez qat hapnd in ae west: Qat lain ai nou ték up. Sún aftur ae Dragun komenst hiz wor, aer woz a maiti komóçun in ae granit hilz hwèr ae Fácurwotur haz hiz sórsez, and in ae waid and fertil plénz urú hwic ae fló. For ae Dragun had urón an aiurn cén akros te canel ov komûnikéçun, and wud nó loñgur alou ae norðurn kanúz ard trédiñbóts tu gó up and doun az afórtaim. For ae brancez óv ae Fácurwotur ár spred óvur ae sentral ríjun ov ai Oksident az ae brancez ov a trí spred urú ai èr; and az ae burdz and skwurelz ár alármđ hwen ae sí a serpent twainiñ around ae trúñk biló aem, só wer ae dwelurz upon ae western woturz fild wiæ konsturnéçun hwen ae found ae Dragun woz uróiñ hiz koilz akros ae grét rivur and baindiñ it wiæ céñ ov aiurn, qat hí mait mék it a slév and a bondman, ívn az hí had dun tu ae Kuçanz. And ae pipl wer rouzd, and pórð doun from aér hilz laik torents in ae spríntaim, and ae sed, Hwèrevur our strímllets gó, aér wil wí gó, and

aer çal bí nó céñ upon our woturz, from ae ouzand léks, hwèr our Minigúturz hund ae waild-foul, tu ae Grét Bésn ov ae Miksiñkan, hwèr ae woturz mit and miñgl wia ae sí.

And aer dwelt amuñ ae hunturz a tuf and stuburn woryur húm ae kòld Granit, and hí woz dresiñ ae skinz ov waild bïsts dat had bin kild in ae mountenz hwen hí herd ae tûmult and murmurin ov ae pípl. Az sún az ae tòld him ov ai insult tu ae Fáaurwotur, hí sent and ofcrd his servizez tu Samuñkl. And Samuñkl spók for him tu ae kiñ, and ae kiñ sent him a komicun tu kut a pañ doun ae Fáaurwotur and ópn ae canel só dat ae çips ov ai Admirabl Fèrigift, hwic lé in ae Grét Bésn, mait hav a frí pasej up and doun ae strím.

Den Dûk Granit gaæurd a grét hóst ov ae Hilançoirz, and ae Haiawéz, and ae Waizkounselurz, and ae Miliçagunurz, and ae Minigúturz, and hí márct gem doun tu ae bordur ov Sunland, and méd preparéçunz tu advans upon Mumifés and Wikedburg, tú grét sitis dat lé lóur doun on ae bañks ev ae Fáaurwotur. And aer kém up from ae souñ a woryur dat wud not entur intu ae kounselz ov ae Dragónianz, húz ném woz Çúrman, and hí joind himself tu ae kiñz ármiz, and woz sent out tu fait bai ae said ov Dûk Granit. And bikòz ov ae grétnes ov ae burdn dat rested upon ae góldurz ov aíz tú ciftenz, ae spirits ov tú óld woryurz dat had leſt ae planet kém bak and enturd intu aem, and pozest aem, and méd aem

stron for batl. And aé kém tu aem in drímez ov ae nait, and infúzd intu aem a pórçun ov aér ón kwolitiz. And hí cat tuk pozeçun ov Dûk Çúrman woz wuns a fémus cíf in ai Oksident, and woz kôld Tikumsi; hwail ae mentor cat inspirited Dûk Granit woz an énçent híró bai ae ném ov Yulisiz, cat formurli dwelt in ai Órient.

And Dûk Granit bikém waiz and kòçus, and hí wud not mûv doun ae Fáaurwotur until hí had sikûrd ae kuntri on hiz left and rait, só cat si enemi kud not kum in bihaind him. Nou aer wer tú lárj and veri kruked strímez cat róz in ai Ali-gétur mountenz, and ran up tórdz Norland, az if aé wiçt tu entur ae pûrur ríjenz hwèr Fridíma rizaided. And aé went windiñ alon said bai said, veri nír íc uaur, for a loñ distans, until aé ríct ae Haiurwotur rivur, hwic bñ a strongur strím óvur-pourd aem and turnd aem bak intu ae Fáaurwotur, nír ae suaurnmóst point ov Norland, at a plés hwèr purpecual kloudz ov İjipçan dárknæs obskûr ae vijun ov ai inhabitants. And ae pipl hú livd on ae bañks ov aíz rivurz, hwen aé sò hou lüviñli aé kluñ tugeaur in aér kórs, sed, Cíz ár twin bruaurz; and aé kôld aem Twin Síz. De norðurn strím woz olsó nón bai ae vulgar ném ov Kumburground. And hwen Dûk Granit pursívd cat ae Twinsí kuntri woz ae kí ov ae Fáaurwotur vali, and sò ae despuret efórtz cat wer méd bai ae Dragónianz tu hóld it for aér batl ground, hí ditermind cat hiz furst faitiñ çud bí aér. Só hí sent up Raitfut, ae komandur ov hiz çips, tu storm ae stroñhóldz ov ae Twinsí hwic lé on hiz

rait. Aftur aíz had bin tékn, Dûk Granit móvd forwurd on æ left tu æ Kumburground, and surrounded æ kasl ov Dòniissun, hwèr a grét ármí ov Dragónianz wer gacurd. And æ Dragónian komander, Dûk Flaiiñsf, aséd tu fait, but æ nor-aurn mountenírz óvurpoured him, and mounted hiz bulwurks, and kut doun æ bóldest ov hiz woryrz, and prest aem sórli til naiftfòl. And hwen Flaiiñsf sò aat æ batl had gon agenst him, and aat hí and hiz ljunz must bikum kaptivz on æ moró, hí aòt ov òl hiz uefts and hiz roburiz hwic hí had komited, and hí woz afréd tu surendur himself tu æ kin, lest hí çud bí tríted laik a mal-efaktur az hí woz, and bí huñ up bai æ nek. Só hí kòld hiz leftenant, and gév him hiz plúmz and hiz epolets, and plést him in hiz sted, and instrukted him hwot tu dú on æ moró. And hwen hi had put òl aïnz in ordur, hí róz up and tuk hiz Piló undur hiz árm, and fled, and mód hiz eskép in æ dárknes ov æ nait, and woz herd ov nó mórr.

And æ nekst dé woz æ dé ov æ Sun, hwic woz a sékred dé, and hwen æ morniñ brók and Dòniissun kasl bigan tu glitur in æ góldn lait, æ leftenant hésnd tu mék híz submiçun, and tu dilivur intu æ handz ov æ viktur ól hiz woryrz aat riménd alaiv. And aé kounted æ numbur ov æ kaptivz and found aem tu bí aurtín aouzand men.

Oen æ Granit Dûk turnd hiz fés agen tu æ west, and tuk up hiz lain ov márc for æ Fáaur-

wotur. But hwen hí had krost æ Twinsí hí found Dûk Pretigárd wiæ a grét ármi in his frunt, nír a templ ðat wez nón az æ Sailent Cursc. And æ tú ármiz joind batl, and æ fót grú tú déz, hwic wer æ déz ov æ Sun and Mún, and æn rested, bikòz æ plés woz só aikli kuvurd wiæ païlz ov ded and daiñ ðat æ kud nó longur mûv óvir æ ground. And æ kounted æ slén and wúnded ov æ kiñz ármi and found æ numbur woz twais ten thouzand; but æ Dragónian ded wer tú nûmurus tu kount. And Pretigárd sent and bisót Prins Jefur ðat hí wud giv him móð woryurz, lest æ Granit Dûk çud síz upon æ Fáaurwotur, and æ grét vali bí forevur lost. And grét numburz wer sent on tu sukur him; and hí gaaurd æm around æ Korinian kolumz ðat stud bai æ rôdsaid on æ wé tu Mumifés. But Dûk Granit went forwurd and disperst æm; and hí prest on tu Mumifés and tuk it. And hí brók æ cén ðat had bin street akros æ Fáaurwotur, and distroid æ Dragunz wotur-ramz ðat wer swimiñ up and doun æ rivur, and butiñ at evuri siñ ðat kém in ær wé. Æten hí mûvd doun æ rivur tu atak æ Wiked siti. And hí found it woz bilt hai and stron, and terest up from æ wotur baturiz tu æ sumit, and its wólz wer ful ov dárk hólz arú hwic òl manur ov burniñ gelz and aiurn bòlz wer çourd upon æ çips ðat atemted tu pas, and upon evuri enemi ðat vencurd nai. And wun ov æ kiñz ofisurz sed, Let us mék a nû ród for æ Fáaurwotur, ðat hí mé fló tu æ

sí bai a strét canel, at a distans from æ siti, and bi nó longur difaild bai kontakt wiæ its polûted soil. Só aé dug a nû canel bròd and lárj; but æ Fácurwotur woz óld and slugiç, and wud not cénj hiz kórs tu akomodét æ nû-faŋglid nógyunz íaur ov frendz or fóz.

De nû íra ov Fridíma woz nou nai at hand; but Dûk Granit, laik Rózikroun, woz impéçent for sum vikturi bifór ai óld yír çud klóz. Só hí kòld Dûk Cúrman, in húm hí ripózd konfidens, and sent him doun æ strím wiæ ordurz tu land hiz ármi on ai ístern çór just abuv Wikedburg, and mék an atak from æ nora. And Dûk Cúrman went and efekted a landiŋ az hí woz ordurd. And urí déz bifór æ nû yír hí led hiz trúps up tu æ wòlz ov æ siti, and urí gouzand ov hiz woryrz wer smitn doun bai æ fairi bízum aat swept óvur and around aem. And æ ground hwèr aé trod woz soft and mairi, and at ívntaid æ skaiz pôrd doun aèr réni torents, and æ wúnded and daiiŋ suŋk intu æ mair and lé ðl nait in pitiful helpliesnes and nizuri. And hwen æ morniŋ woz kum, Dûk Cúrman askt purmiçun tu beri hiz ded and briŋ awé hiz wúnded, hwic woz granted. And hwen hí had purformd æ last sad ofisez for hiz fòln kumradz, hí gagurd æ rezidû ov hiz woryrz, and plést aem on bórd hiz veselz and bròt aem bak tu aèr kampiŋ ground at Milkiŋpenz.

Aftur aís felyur Dûk Granit bigan tu divaiz nû skimz for dislojiŋ æ Dragónianz from æ haits

hwèrin aé trusted. And hí sent out hiz çips and hiz pásfaindurz tu penetrét ae léks and swomps and Roundabout báyuz on ae rait hand and on ae left, if purcans aé mait faind a wé for hiz çips and ármi wicout pasiñ undur ae wòlz ov ae siti, but aé kud faind ncn. And hwen hí sò cat ae Gét-munu had kum and gon, and ae kúl munu ov Febrifuj had olsó past awé, and ae Márciñ munu woz nou fár advanst, hí ditermind tu send hiz wor çips strét doun ae strím and run aem past ae siti undur kuvur ov a dárk nait, hwail hí wiia hiz ármi márct doun bai a surküitus ród on ae west. And ae çips and galiz wer lúst from aér mürinç, and haviñ put out aér laits, aé drifted slóli bai ae frouniñ batlments, and wer not diskuvurd til aé wer olmóst biyond r/c. Æn ae Dragónianz laited up aér fairz, and hwen aé sò cat ae çips had gon bai, aér hiltops rizounded wiia réj, and ae spit out astur aem strímz ov brimstón and fair, but òl tu nó purpus. And Dák Granit brót hiz ár mi around in séfti, and haviñ rijoind hiz veselz hi krost óyur and kém in bihaind ae siti, and bisjd it. And hí aréd hiz gunz agenst it, bóu from ae land said and from ae wotur, and rénd upon it a storm ov fair bai dé and bai nait. And Dák Pepurkorn, hú stud wociñ upon ae wòlz, woz indignant, and hí pripèrd tu difend himself tu ae last.



### CAPTUR XIII.

**K**IN MAGNUS had nou plést Dûk Smúcbanks in cárj ov æ lour ríjunz ov æ Fáaurwotur, and Fèrigift and Dûpomp wer óvur æ çips. And bikòz Horntosur woz bréy and dèriñ, and woz níaur tim urus laik Miklmakl nor infleksibl laik Bur-niñbrand, hí apointed him tu bí æ lidur ov ai ísturn ármi, and tóld him tu sí if hí kud not pluk sum ov æ fecurz from æ krest ov Bóldrob-in. Den Horntosur put himself at æ hed ov hiz woryurz, and hí sent of Dûk Stóniman wiæ fór líjunz ov horsmen tu raid arú Vurjinland, and tu brék douñ æ brijez, and tu let lús æ canelz ov æ wotur-fludz, and tu daç around æ wòlz ov Riemantoun, and aüs distract hiz enemiz, hwail hiæ hiz hól ármi aséld aem in frunt. And on æ sekund dé ov æ Meri muna æ tú ármiz met at Calenjurzvil, and aé had a hot and bludi batl ov tú déz. On æ furst dé ov æ fait sum ov æ kiñz sóljurz bikém konfúzd, and sò spekturz, and turnd tu flai. But az aé fled Dûk Bludisikl plést himself in aér páu, brandičiñ hiz bléd wiæ wun hand and hóldiñ a çortçútur in ai uaur. And hí dróv aem bak, and aé turnd agen upon æ aunduriñ líjunz

ov Stónijak, and fót til æ sun went doun, and æen æ batl went on bai múnlaít. And a silescal wocur ñat woz lukiñ out from bihaind æ silvur lainiñ ov a kloud, hwen hí sò upon æ banurz ov Horntosur æ ném ov æ gud Fridíma, and pursívd ñat hur kòz woz in dénjur, stept doun upon æ plén hwèr æ fait woz aikest, and urú a vél óvur ci aiz ov æ men ñat folód Stónijak. And aé kud not sí æ fés ov aér lídur distinktli, and hí apírd tu aem laik a Fridónian, and aé leveld aér longúturz and pórð aér fair upon him, and hí fel doun and daid. Æ nekst morniñ Bóldrobin rinûd æ batl, and hurld hiz kolumz fúriusli agenst æ Fridónian rañks. But Horn-tosur put forwurd æ Beriñ Dúk and æ Burniñ Dúk tu rizist him, and aé óvurkém him, and kuvurd æ ground wiæ hiz ded. And Beriñ Dúk himself woz slén. And aér fel ov æ Dragónianz étin aouzand men; and ov æ Fridónianz fistín aouzand.

And Horntosur woz trubld bikòz hí kud not hír æ hufbíts ov Stónimanz horsez, for aé wer nou fár awé; and hí sed, Peradvencur hí haz met wiæ dizastur. And hwail hí weted and lisnd tñ kac ci ekó ov hiz trampiñ, æ kloudz dárknd and a grét storm ov rén fel from æ skai, and æ Rapidrun and Rapidnokiñ rivurz kém aunduriñ doun from æ mountenz, on hiz rait and hiz left, and uretnd tu engulf him in aér torents. And hwen hí sò æ fludz ñat wer raiziñ around him, hí firð ñat hiz lain ov ritrit wud bí kvt of; só hí

wiadrú hiz ármi, and ae riturnd drúpiñ and dounkast tu Fòlnmouu and rested aér.

Prins Jefur woz nou fléted, and hí tuk kounsel wiæ ae Dragun and sed, Cis iz ae taim for us tu çó our streñu, for ae koronéçun dé ov Fridíma iz at hand, and ae Normen ár pripériñ tu selebrét it wiæ pomp and rijoisiñ suc az woz nevur nón. For ae hav ripúdiéted our alaians forevur, and hav olredi léd aér planz for mariiñ Fridíma tu ae Prins Íkwoliti, hú aspairz tu ae suvurenti ov ui Órient, and hwen ae yúnyun iz efekted ae tugeaur wil rúl ae wurld. But let us pul out ae pilarz from undur kíz fain èrkasz, and put a stop tu aér koronéçun déz, and turn aér holidéz and aér rijoisiñz intu mórnful wéliñz and bitur tírz. For wí ár wel ébl tu send our ármiz intu Norland, and wí wil ték pozeçun ov aér kiñ and hiz kapital, and ae sitiz and tounz and stroñhóldz çal ópn aér géts at our apróc, and òl ae góld and silvur ov ae land çal bí ourz. For Prins Jefur had sikret éjents in Brucursiti and Gógam, and òl ae grét tounz, hú stud wétiñ tu ópn ae géts; and olsó dénjurus serpents, kòld Kóbraz, tu bí let lús upon ae pípl ov ío siti az fast az ae Dragonian ármi kém on.

And ae Dragun aprúvd ov Prins Jefurz planz, and ae sent ordurz tu Bóldrobin tu pres forwurd, and ae wud giv him az meni sóljurz az hí níded. And ae gagaurd aér fórsez from ai íst and west, and ae woryurz wer laik lókusts for multitud, and aér çadó dárknd ae land. And ae

tuk up aér lain ov márc for ae kiñz pales, but Horntosur stud in aér pañ and privented aem. Só aé drú of tórd ae west, and went bai wé ov ae mountenz arú ae Lafingap and Cainiñdór. And aé krost ae Boundarimárk rivur and enturd intu ae Penwud valiz, plunduriñ and distroiiñ az aé went.

And ae Normen sò aat ae taim ov aér sór traial woz kum; for if aé kud not bít bak ae viktórius líjunz ov Sunland aé must bikum aér bondmen and serv aem forevur. And ae Penwudianz sent in hést for helpurz tu òl ai rsjun round about; and ae kiñ kòld upon ae rúlurz ov ae provinsez tu lend aér éd and ról bak ae taiñ ov invéjun. And hí sent of ordurz tu hiz çips and woryurz aat wer upon ai ísturn cór tu múv up ae rivurz and atak ae Dragun in hiz rír. Cen Jefur woz grétli alármad and sent of in hést tu kòl bak Bóldrobin, but it woz tú lét, for hí woz nou far up in the Penwud hilz.

And sevn déz bifór koronéçun dé ae kiñ sent for Dük Huniwotur, and gév him komand ov ai ármiz, and cárjd him tu múv wérili, and tu briñ Bóldrobin intu hiz snèr, and bai nó mínz sufor him tu eskép and riturn tu hiz mástur. And Dük Huniwotur pursívd aat ae strugl wud bi despuret and blüdi; and hí silekted ae vali ov Deusburg for hiz batl fild, and márçald hiz hósts on Sepulkur hil, souñ ov ae siti, and gév ordurz tu hiz cifs aat if aé sò eni woryur turn hiz bak tu ae fó, ae penalti gud bí instant deu.

And Boldrobin, sín ae plés hí had silekted, méd hiz wé tu ae sém spot, and tuk pozeçun ov ae hilz on ae nori, and ci Ókn rijež on ae west, húz ívniñ çadóz arú a klasik bútí óvur ae písful vél. And ciur hí brót hiz infantri, and hiz kavalri, and hiz ártíluri, a hundred and fifty grét gunz, and fild ae wudz wiä hiz worlaik aré.

And on ae furst dé ov ae munu Július ae batl bigan. For Bóldrobin woz ankgus tu fait bifor ae trúps ov Huniwotur had òl kum up; só hí hésted aud put forwurd Dük Elistárt, hú fel hevili upon ae Fridónian bandz dat wer in advans ov ae rest, and kapcurd about srí ouzand men. Ce nekst dé ae kontest woz rinúd wiä stil grétur fúri, and ae kanun pórd aér aiurn storm upon ae Round tops and Granit spurz ov Sepulkur hil, and tór arú ae wudi aikets ov ae Wulvz' mounten; and ci ártíluri ov ae Normen píld and splinturd ci éncent Óks biná hwic ae Dragónianz had tékn çeltur. And ae díks ov Bóldrobin hú had led ae asolt upon Sepulkur hil, riturnd tu aér cif hwen ae sun went doun, tu konsult and tu risív ordurz for ae moró. For òl nû dat ae nekst dé wud bí ae turniñ point ov vikturi or difít, and az cis batl went, só ae biliwd wud turn ae forceun ov ae wor. And about midnait ae Blak Dragun, haviñ herd ov ae faitiñ, and büñ rouzd tu an unwunted pic ov eksaitment, left hiz pales and glaided aloñ in ae sailens ov ae nait until hí ríct ae kamp ov hiz difendurz; and hí infüzd intu ci ofisurz and sól-

jurz ðl æ vairus ov hiz nécur, and miŋgliŋ wiæ  
 æ raŋks hí bríad upon aem hiz poiznus and in-  
 toksikétiŋ breu, until aér aiz glisnd laik dímpunz  
 and aér vénz strobd wiæ æ hít ov an uneruli  
 fair. And æ madniŋ vépur aat çot from hiz nos-  
 trilz fild æ tent hwèr Bóldrobin and hiz dûks  
 wer drin̄kiŋ wain, inspairiŋ aem wiæ æ lust  
 ov venjans. And Dûk Yelwel rézd hiz hand  
 and swór wiæ a bludi óu aat on æ moró hí  
 wud kut hiz wé intu æ hárt ov æ Fridónian  
 ármi or intu ai infernal ríjunz. And æ rest ap-  
 lòded him and çouted émen.

Wiæ æ dòn ov dé æ despuret strugl wuns  
 mór bigan. And Bóldrobin direkted Yelwel tu  
 atak and brék æ rait wiŋ ov æ Fridónian ármi,  
 and aus pripèr æ wé for ai óvurhwelmiŋ asolt  
 hwic hí had rizervd for æ sentur. But Yelwel  
 did not suksíd, and astur tú nouzand ov hiz wor-  
 yurz had bin smitn doun tu æ ground hí sul-  
 enli gagurd up æ remnant and wiadrú. Ce  
 klangur ov batl nou síst and ðl woz kám and  
 kwaiet az a sumur sí. But Bóldrobin woz sikret-  
 li konvéiŋ hiz grét gunz around arú æ forest from  
 æ norð tu æ west, hwèr hí ekspekted tu mék  
 hiz vikturi qúr. And æ Normen wer joius, and  
 lait ov hárt, for aé had nó uòt ov ae teribl storm  
 aat woz tu fòl upon aem èr æ dé klózd. And  
 aé gagurd around aér kamp fairz, and brekfasted,  
 and sat doun upon ae gras, and méd aemselvz  
 meri, and saŋ, soŋz. And ae wurdz hwic aé sun  
 wer aíz:

Osamiz bodi laiz mólduriṇ in æ grév,  
Hiz sól iz márciṇ on.

Osami'z a sóljur in ai ármi ov æ Lord,  
Hiz sól iz márciṇ on.

Osamiz napsak iz strapt upon hiz bak,  
Hiz sól iz márciṇ on.

Osamiz musket góz fairiṇ awé,  
Hiz sól iz márciṇ on.

Osamiz pet lamz wil mít him on æ wé,  
Az ae gó márciṇ on.

Nou urí círz for Samuṇkl and Fridíma,  
Az wi gó márciṇ on.

De soṇz had daid awé, and æ middé ourz went  
písfuli bai, until æ belz in æ tourz ov Deusburg  
struk urí, hwen sudenli ai Ókn hilz wer òl aflém,  
and çot and çel bigan tu skrím arú ai èr, and æ  
hól atmosfir woz fild wi flaiṇ misilz bériṇ deu  
on aér wiṇz and swípiṇ arú æ kamp ov æ Nor  
men. And ae stárted up in terur, and aér kol  
umz ríld aud rokt binía ai óvurhwelmiṇ tempest  
from hwic aér woz nó eskép. Undur æ çít ov hé  
cat flù hai abuv hiz hed, Dûk Hailand woz sín ka  
ríriṇ akros æ vali, folód klósli bai Loṇstep and  
æ hevi batalyunz ov Dûk Stediárm. And hwen  
æ had ríct æ fut ov Sepulkur hil, aér woz a lul  
in æ fairiṇ, and ló, æ Dragónianz wer asendiṇ  
æ hilsaid and advansiṇ wi flaiṇ banurz tu æ  
cárj. At aís instant a çadó sínd tu pas óvur æ  
sun, and æ Normen lukt up and sò a touriṇ

form, wiæ a dim outlain, haviñ ai apírans ov a  
 aín lait kloud, and gépt aftur æ similitud ov a  
 man, but ov kolosal magnitud. Its fit apírd tu  
 rest upon æ néçtnz kapital, hwail its hed eksten-  
 ded up intu æ blâ skai, and woz surrounded wiæ  
 a héló ov wundrus bûti. Doun its brest flód a loñ  
 silvuri bîrd. Its loñ and bóni rait arm, arú hwic  
 æ sunz réz çón fibli, woz streect out tórdz æ  
 norù, and held in its grasp æ rizemblans ov a  
 sóljurz musket, from ai end ov hwic flód a zigzag  
 strím ov flektrisi, pointiñ dounwurdz, laik a bé-  
 yunet, in æ direkçun ov æ Dragónian hóst. De  
 left árm ekstended fár awé tu æ souawest, point-  
 iñ wiæ a loñ pól, skërsli dizernabl, tórdz æ lofti  
 spairz ov æ Wiked siti dat lé on æ bañks ov æ  
 Fáaurwotur. For a móment æ sóljurz stud géziñ  
 in wundur at aís strénj spektakl; æn tú or arí  
 kraid out simulténiusli. It iz æ góst ov Osami,  
 wiæ hiz musket and hiz paik! And æ wurd flû  
 from rañk tu rañk, and sún a çout for Osami and  
 Fridíma tór æ welkin laik æ burstiñ ov a ouaz-  
 and aundurz. And æ hárts ov æ woryurz grú  
 form az adamant, and ai flektrik kurent ran aloñ  
 aèr nervz, hárðniñ aem intu stíl. And aé fikst ev-  
 urí man hiz býunet, in laik manur az aé had sín  
 upon æ skai, and daçt agenst aèr enemiz wiæ a  
 fûri dat nuuiñ kud rizist. Doun went hors and  
 raidur; doun went ármz and banurz. De ljunz  
 ov Stediárm wévurd for a móment, and æn dropt  
 on aèr níz, hwail æ vikturz swept óvur aem, and  
 róld arú æ vali az æ surjez ov ai óçun ról hwen

taid and tempest bóer pres æm on. And Bóldrob-in, hwen hí sò æ magnitûd ov hiz dizastur, hésnd and got him up intu æ mountenz, and gacurd æ remnants ov hiz ármi, and slunk awé wið hiz más-tur æ Dragun tu æ plés from hwens té kém.

And æ sém dé Dük Pepurkorn kém out from æ wòlz ov Wikedburg, and prizented himself tu Dük Granit. And hí gév him æ kí ov æ siti, and surendurd hiz woryurz, uurti uouzand in numbur, and tú hundred grét gunz wið hwic tu salût æ stári banur ov Fridíma on æ koronéçun moró.





## CAPTUR XIV.

**L**OURIN and glúmi, æ Blak Dragun ri-enturd hiz pales and sumund Prins Jefur. And hí tóld him ov òl æ dizasturz dat had bifoln aèr kòz, and hou hí had sin æ góst ov Osami, and had found æ silescal wordurz huvuriñ round æ banurz ov Fridíma, and dat hí dímd it yúsles tu kari on æ wor in húman waiz eni longur. Hí aen propózd tu telegraf tu hiz fáetur, hú livd in ai uaúr planet dat woz lóur doun, and rikwest him tu giv aem éd. But for aís purpos it wud bí nesesari dat Prins Jefur çud giv himself up, and olsó hiz prinsipal cíftenz, tu bí entairli undr hiz fáeturz kontról, and to alou æ mesenjurs ov hiz fáetur tu entur into aem and mék aem ai instruments ov aèr wil, tu wurk out aèr objekts in aèr ón wé. And òl æ instruments hwic hiz fáetur mait yúz tu kari out hiz purposez must baind aemselvz bai a form obligéçun never tu dízert or rinouns hiz servis, but tu obé him in òl qíns and olwez. And Prins Jefur kounself wiü Lord Júdas and hiz uaúr advaizurz, hú wer at furst lóá tu baind aemselvz, but fainali konsent-ed. Æten aé sent a telegram tu æ Red Dragun

ov Tófet, bai mínz ov ae skret wairz dat yu-naited ae tú planets. And ae hárт ov ae Red Dragun woz müvd wiа kompaçun for ae sufuriñz ov hiz sun, and hí sent of spídili a ljun ov malignant spirits tu rendur tu ai erudwelurz ae servis and asistans aé níded. And aé kém bai nait and wer introdúst tu Prins Jefur and hiz ministurz; and hwen aé had konsulted, and arénjd aér planz tu mûcual satisfakçun, aé divaided aem-selves intu bands, and went out tu silekt aér instruments. And it woz agríd dat sum ov aem çud entur intu ae Góðamaits, and inògurét a pandimónium in aér siti; uaurz wer tu vizit foren kuntriz and gacur up ded menz klóaz and òl sorts ov plégz and poiznz and briñ aem óvtr and skatur abròd tu distroi ai inhabitants ov ae land; uaurz wer tu poizn ae woturz and burn ae sitiz; and sum wer tu prosíd tu Snóland, and feniñ aemselvz tu bí mesenjurz ov pís, kari on ae wor bai mínz ov spaiz and murdururz hú kud straik in síkret. And ae móst despuret ov aem wer provaided wiа infernal maçinz bai hwic aé mait distroi ae kiñ in hiz pales and hiz kounselurz in aér bedcémburz. De cíf ov aíz woz Gaifòks, a dímun hú in a formur éj undurtuk tu bló up ae párliment ov Bulia wiа hiz daiabolikal kontraiv-ansez, but feld; hí had nou grón waizur in hiz kraft and woz aňkçus tu trai hiz hand wuns mó.

De furst ekshibiçun ov ae nû mód ov worfer woz méd in Góðam, upon hwio a skwodren ov ívl spirits méd aér disent about ae midl ov ae

munu Július. And æ siti woz sudenli fild wiæ Kóbraz hisiñ out ær venum; and meni ov æ Grínailurz wer bitn bai æm, and aóz at wer bitn went mad, and ran hiçur and aiçur, burniñ houzez and stóniñ æ wocurz ov æ siti. And hwen-evur æ sò eni ov æ Kuçanz æ gév cés, and stónd æm wiæ stónz, and bít æm wiæ klubz, and huñ æm up in æ stríts, and hakt and hûd æm in písez and burnd æm. And æ cíf rúlur, húz ném woz Gudsímur, spók kaindli tu æ dímoniaks and kumforted æm; and æ çouted for Gudsímur and Bóldrobin, and for Prins Jefur and æ Dragun, and ær çoutiñz and raiutiñz rizound-ed arú æ siti for arí déz. And hwen æ kiñz ofisurz wer awèr ov it, æ sent ær árméd bandz tu ásist æ wocurz, and æ slû and disperst æ men intu húm æ fíndz had enturd, and rikuurvrd æ siti, dat it mait agen bikum a séf abód for húman inhabitants.

And æ dat kém up from æ lóur planet brót wiæ æm paturnz ov æ prínz and templhouzez in Helham, hwèr æ Red Dragun rizaided. And ær woz a fémus templ dat stud on æ góðr kold Nástrond, dat iz bai interpretéçun Deastrand, æ wòlz ov hwic wer bilt ov adurz. Æ fésez ov aíz serpents wer turnd inwurd, and from ær mouaz içud strímez ov poizn, formiñ a rivur dat flód arú æ vast strukcur. Kwín Hela woz æ godes dat prizaided óvur it, and woct æ priznurz sent tu hur for séf kípiñ. Æ urón upon hwic cí sat woz aŋgwiç; hur tébl woz famin; hur atendants wer

Ekspektégun and Dilé; hur bed woz línnes; ci woz livid and gastli pél, and hur veri luks inspairyd horur. And æ Red Dragun had givn strikt cáj tu Rufwind and Wurstovòl, tú ov hiz móst skilful dímunz, dat æ cé çud konstrukt for him a templ in Sunland on æ sém plan, só fár as praktikabl, wiæ hwot matírialz æ cé kud faind in æ kuntri, and dat æ cé çud fil it wiæ Fridónianz, ov húm wun hundred wer tu bí sakrifaizd evuri dé.

And Rufwind and Wurstovòl, aftur konsült-iñ wiæ Prins Jefur, silekted from hiz ármi tú Dragónianz dat wer admirabli adapted tu ær purpus, wun ov húm woz a jenural and ai vaur a fiziçun. And æ tuk pozeçun ov ær bodiz and spirits, and infûzd æmselfvz intu ær nécur until pozesur aud pozest bikém wun and æ sém bñiñ. And æ méd ær furst eksperiments undur Prins Jefurz ón ai, at Ricmantoun, hwèr æ fited up a Liburtipen and Hundurhous, and fild æm wiæ viktítmz for sakrifai. But hwen æ Blak Dragun had egzamind æ bildiñs hí woz disatisfaid, for hí sed æ wer skërsli skwal tu æ dunjunz for æ Kuçanz hwic wer bilt bai ær ón pípl. Æten Prins Jefur advaizd wiæ æ dímunz, and æ silekted a plés kôld Dedmansvíl, on æ bañks ov Deastrím, hwèr æ uòt æ cé kud prodûs a faksimili ov Helaz ón pales. Só Rufwind márkt out hiz ground, and drú hiz dedlain, and kolekted òl ai adurz and ratlsnéks hí kud faind, and bilt æm up intu æ wòl, wiæ ær fésez lukiñ inwurd, sò dat

æ mait pór aèr venum upon æ recez kongrigeted wiain. And hí had houndz laik æ houndz ov Hela bárkiñ round about, redi tu síz and tèr eni ñat çud attempt tu eskép. And hwen Rufwind had komplíted æ wòl, hí lukt upon it wiæ a dilaited kountenans, and laft for joi, and sed hí wud bí ov móð servis tu Prins Jefur gan ði ármiz ov Bóldrobin. And æ kòt aurti aouz-and Fridónianz and dróv aem intu ai enklójur, and Rufwind stript aem ov aèr klóðin, and Wurstovòl, hú woz æ doktur, tuk cárj ov aèr fud and medisin. Só hí gév aem stárvéçun for aèr mit, and poizn for aèr driñk. And æ poizn went doun intu aèr blud, and fild aem wiæ pùtrid sórz, and æ lé rotiñ in fili and vermin until æ stenc spred óvir æ hól ríjun, and woz bórн on æ windz til it ríct æ norðurn hilz and enturd æ nostrilz ov Samuñkl. And Wurstovòl miñglid wiæ hiz medisinz sum sìkret cárñ, bai hwic hí drú out æ fleç from undur æ skin ov hiz priznurz, só ñat æ bónz huñ lúsli az in a bag, and æ müvd and toturd in a manur ñat woz horibl tu bihöld. And æ doktur wud mék æ skel etunz get up and dans bifór him for hiz amûzment, and hwen æ kud not raiz hí wud æretn aem wiæ nû torments until æ did. And æ púr krícurz bikém dilirius, and æ fót wiæ íc uaør, and dizaird tu dai, but kud not, for Wurstovòl woz kèrful tu prizerv aèr laivz until æ taim for sakrifaiziñ aem tu hiz mástur. Æ numbur ñat hí sakrifaizd woz fiftín aouzand, and æ uaør fiftín

ouzand hí kept alaiv az subjekts for hiz eksperiments.

And æ dímunz qat went intu Snóland tuk poz-  
eçun ov Sandadur and Klékóbra, and vaar ser-  
pentain nécurs, and æ sent of ær emisariz tu  
brék ópn æ góld vòltz in æ Grínhilz, and tu  
burn æ siti ov Góuam wiæ fair, and tu kapcur  
Rickárgó and Baisntoun and Swainsiti, and tu  
kct a pau arú æ midst ov Kiñ Magnus' domin-  
yunz and sevor æ west from ai íst. And a  
hóst ov rufianz wer sturd up urúout Norland, and  
æ apointed Vandalhamur, and Swinpendulum,  
and Loñkóbra for ær lídurz, and gacurd grét stór  
ov ármz, and uturd sweliñ and touriñ wurdz,  
and imajind qat wiæ ær nû helpurz ær wud bí  
ébl tu dipóz æ kin and establig a Dragónian  
dainasti húz rén çud bí purpecual.

And hwen æ kin and hiz kounselurz and æ  
waiz men ov æ land sò æ blud and kárnej, and  
æ blak aundur-kloudz gacuriñ on òl saidz, and  
pursívd olsó qat æ prinsez and cíftenz ov Bulia  
and Galia wer in síkret líg wiæ æ Diniónianz,  
and hwen æ herd æ wélinz ov æ waivz and  
muaurz ov aóz qat wer pent up in Dedmansvil,  
æ wer fild wiæ biturnes and grónd biníæ ær bur-  
dnz and responsibilitiz. . And wun ov æ waiz  
men ov Góuam hí qat woz kòld Tribúnosofur,  
rót tu æ kin and tóld him qat æ pipl kud nó  
longur endur ær soróz, and qat hí must in sum  
wé endevur tu mék pís wiæ æ Dragun bifór it  
çud bí wurs wiæ dem gan it woz æn. Hí aerfór

advaizd æ kiŋ qat bai wé ov çóin æ Dragun dû onur and rispekt, hí gud bild for him a brij kuvurd wiæ góld, and invit him tu wòk awé upon it, and pas óvur tu sum uaur çór; and hwen hí had gon óvur, æ brij gud bí brókn up, and æ góld gívn tu him bai wét, akordiŋ tu æ royal standard, twenti ouzand çekelz twenti ouzand taimz tóld. But æ propózal feld tu indikét a spot hwèr ci uaur end ov æ brij mait rest, and æ kiŋ nû qat æ Blak Dragun woz tú sagéçus tu márce of intu æ sí wiðout bsiŋ çúr ov obténiŋ a solid futiŋ in sum uaur ríjun. Bisaidz, hí uòt æ Dragun had kost æ kuntri enuf olredi, wiðout ofuriŋ him eni furaur bountiz.

And Sandadur and hiz asóciéts, hú wer ful ov sutlti, rót tu æ Tribúnosofur tu intersid for aem, and prokûr aem an òdiens wiæ æ kiŋ. And aé invited him tu vizit aem in Snóland tu help forwurd æ wurk ov pís and kompromaiz, só qat ðl mait bí hármónius agen az bifór; for aé nû qat bsiŋ an onest man hí woz unsuspicius ov gail in uaurz, and aærfor wud bí æ mórr ízili entangld in aér snèrz. For bsiŋ ankjus qat evuri ainq in æ yúnivers gud bí gud and plezant, and ful ov binnevolens laik himself, hí woz lóur tu biliq qat ívl egzisted in eni wurld eksept hwèr hí sò it wiæ hiz aiz; and hí kud not bí purswéded qat æ Blak Dragun had a fáur, or qat aér woz eni Red Dragun, hú livd in a lóur sfír and sent out hiz emisariz op erandz ov miscif. Hí aærfor did not hezítet tu aksept æ invitacun ov æ daiabóli-

anz, and wiæ æ kiñz purmiçun went tu vizit aem. Æé, supóziñ ai our ov æ néçunz agoni woz nai, had sited aemselvz on æ briñk ov æ Naiagoni katarakt, and wer dilaitiñ aemselvz wiæ géziñ upon its imejez ov distrükçun. And hwen æé sò æ Tribûnosofur apróciñ æé smaild upon him agráabli, and hí woz plízd wiæ aèr smúa wurdz. But æ kiñ woz aŋkçus. for him, firiñ lest hí mait bí unwéri and bikum a viktím tu aèr dûplisiti. Só hi sent a mesenjur tu put an end tu æ konfurens, and æ filosofur riturnd in séfti tu hiz hóm. And hí kontinyud tu dú æ kiñ gud ser-vis, and hí spók tu æ pípl wurdz ov wizdum, and enkurejd aem tu bí stroñ for æ wor, un-til æ Blak Dragun çud konsent tu kwit æ kuntri.

But æ kiñ and Fridíma had méd up aèr maindz qat hwotevur distres mait bitaid, nó fur-aür konsequn or kompromaiz çud bí ofurd tu æ Blak Dragun, nor wud aé furniç a singl sil-vur'iñ, íaur tu brij æ mortifikéçun ov hiz dipárceur, or tu bild a monyment for hiz grév.





## CAPTUR XV.

**H**ITERMIND at last tu kruç out æ laif ov  
æ Dragun and waip him from æ fés ov  
æ planet or dai in æ atemt, Kiñ Magnus  
adrest himself tu æ wor in ernest.  
And amuñ òl hiz jenuralz hí found nun  
íkwal tu Dûk Granit; for olaó aer wer  
meni loftiur and móð majestik woryurz  
in hiz servis, and aóz hú kud fait betur in æ  
beginiñ ov a batl, aer woz nó wun hú stud só  
frekt in ai end. For hí woz laik a rok in ai  
óçun aat luks òl æ freçur and fèrur for æ surj-  
ez aat swíp óvur it. And æ kiñ sent for him tu  
kum and fait Bóldrobin, húm hiz vaur jenuralz  
had aloud tu slip arú aér fingurz and eskép af-  
tur aé had koñkurd him twais.

But bifór hí left æ ríjunz ov æ Fácurwotur,  
Dûk Granit klírd æ canel ov æ Twinsí òl æ wé  
up tu æ mountenz; and hí dróv æ Dragónianz  
out ov Çadóinúk, and cést aem up tu æ top ov  
æ Lukóvur mounten, hwèr aé difaid him tu ríç  
aem. And Horntosur woz sent tu asél aem and  
draiv aem doun. And hí went up and fót aem  
on æ sumit, for it woz abuv æ kloudz; and aér  
hí found Gréþrag, and hí struk him wiá æ tip  
ov hiz horn and tost him doun æ presipisez.

And hí went rólin̄ óvur and óvur until at last hí fel intu æ Cikenmokiñ bruk, hwic servd tu kúl hiz árdur sumhwot, and tu diminiç hiz brag and blustur. And Brékiñbrij woz wiæ him, and hí ol-só brók doun and fel intu æ strím. And Dûk Granit left Çúrman and Horntosur tu luk astur æ brókn fragments ov Grétbragz ármi hwail hí went tu sí æ kiñ.

And æ kiñ risívd him wiæ onur, and méd him cíf kapten ov ðl hiz armiz, íst, west, norð and souñ; and hí köld upon Samuñkl for faiv hundred ljúnz mó̄r ov freq woryurz. And hí içud hiz sumunz tu æ Kuçanz, bidiñ aem rali undur æ Fridónian flag, and fait for aemselvz and for aèr kuntri. And aé kém bai hundredz and bai souz-andz, hwèrever æ kiñz invitéçun ríct aem, and ígurlí joind æ rañks ov aèr dilivururz. And æ grét gunz ov Samuñkl bigan tu aundur and laitn ðl round æ horaizun. And Dûk Kilmór wévd hiz simitur alon̄ ai ísturn kóst, and Dulgrín, a sun ov ai óçun, woz sent wiæ çips and flótiñ tourz tu éd him in ríkuvuriñ Stónipail kasl, and in æ kapeur ov Cúrlztoun, æ orijinal den hwèr æ ratlsnéks wer hact. And aé sent intu æ siti aèr fairi mes-enjurz and aèr swompénjelz, and baturd doun æ wòlz ov Stónipail and méd it a ráin, but aé dèrd not entor it for fir ov æ serpents aat wer kon-sild amuñ æ roks and rubiç.

And hwen æ spriñ ópnd, Dûk Granit tuk up æ gántlet aat Bóldrobin had urón doun, and márct alon̄ æ lain ov advans aat Dúitwel and Miklmakl,

Burniñbrand, Horntosur and Huniwotur had bin unébl tu foló. And hí tuk æe lain in hiz hand, and tóld æe kiŋ hí ցud not let gó until hí ríct ai end ov it, if it tuk him òl sumur. And hí invited Fridíma tu akumpani ai ármi; só ցí went alon wiæ aem. And hwen hí had kum tu æe Waildwudz aat lé biyond æe Rapidrun rivur, hí found æe wudz fild wiæ æe woryurz ov Bóldrobin, a nû and maiti ármi, hwic aér líður dímd invinsibl. And aé faird upon æe Fridónianz from kops and miket, and cárjd upon aem, and fót fírsli for tú déz. And aér wer slén and wúnded on íc said about ten thouzand men. And at nait æe Dragónianz ritaird from æe Waildwudz tu æe Spotwudz, hwèr aér wer fain spots ov ópn plén konvýent for faitiñ. And aér æe tú ármz agen joind batl, and fót for siks déz longur. And wiæ òl hiz skil and proues, and òl æe sikret help æe Dragun kud rendur him, Bóldrobin woz unébl tu çék æe roki furmnes ov hiz antagonist. And Dûk Granit prest onwurd, and krost æe Cikenominus swomps, and sat doun wiæ hiz ármi tu bisjæ æe stroñhóldz ov Riemantoun, in laik manur az hí had bisjð and koñkurd Wikedburg.

And Fridíma woz impécent, and ցí sed, Let mí gó intu æe hárt ov Sunland, and kòl out æe Ku-ğanz tu fait for us, and wi wil hav æe spídiur vikturi, and çal not hav tu beri só meni ov mai fáçurz sóljurz, for it siknz mí tu sí æe slötur. And aftur konsiduriñ hur rikwest for a dé and a nait hí formd hiz plan and sent hur wiæ an e s

kort tu Dûk Çúrman, hú woz faitiñ Stónijon in æ Gorjusland, and direkted him tu asist hur, and tu risív and enkurej òl æ Kuçanz qí mait briñ him. And Çúrman klósli skrútinaizd hur kridençalz, for hí woz afréd qí wud giv him trobl. But hwen hí sò hur kwínlí bérin, and hou majestikali qí unferld æ traikulerd banur, and hou æ woryurz çouted az qí past bifór aem, hiz admiréçun woz kindld, and hí oford tu gó hwèrevur qí wud point æ wé. Den Fridíma kast hur ai tórd ai ísturn sí, and qí tolđ him dat hí must kut a swòi arú æ hól breda ov æ Dragunz dominyunz, and bér glad taidiñz ov dilivorans tu æ wéstiq skeletonz in Dedmanzvil, and swíp aloñ ai óçun çór til hí kud join handz wiæ hiz feló woryurz at Riemantoun. And Dûk Çúrman sed, It is wel; æ díd iz a despuret wun, but it gal bí dun. And hí lifted himself up tu ai okéjon, and hí tuk a hundred nouzand woryurz in hiz trén and bigan hiz márc. And hí went óvur æ mounten ríjez, draiviñ æ líjunz ov Stónijon bifór him, and æ ground çuk biníq æ tred of hiz woryurz az if an erukwék had bin pasiñ. And Dûk Biçüpölk, æ grét Dragónian sóldoktur, met aem amuñ æ Painz ov æ mounten, and aér hí woz slén. And hwen Stónijon kud nó longur stand in batl, Dûk Naithud, a fùrius and despuret woryur, in naitli ármor, kém out tu mít aem, and bár aér entrans intu æ Gétsiti. And hí fót urí batlz and woz diskumfited, and aer fel ov hiz woryurz twenty nouzand men. And hí fel bak çagrind and

krestföln, and left æ spéçus plénz ov Gorjusland tu æ mersi ov æ koñkurur. And hwen Dûk Cúrman had past urú æ Gétsiti, hí kut asundur hiz lainz ov konekçun wiæ æ west, and spred hiz wiñz for ci ógun. And ci ígl skrímd, and Fridima tuk hur plés in æ van, and gí put on hur gárment ov red, hwait and blú, and a kroun woz upon hur hed, and æ drumz and trumpejs struk up aér viktórius angemz bai hur said. And æ ród ci traveld woz bijemd wiæ budz and bloszmz, and hwèrevur ci advencurd tu put æ sól ov hur fut upon æ ground, freç blúmiñ rózez spraŋ up binia it; and æ sprin flourz ov æ norðurn prériz sponténiusli burst foru óvur ðl æ savanaz ov Gorjusland. And æ Kuçanz kém out tu mít hur wiæ soñz and dansez; wiæ aér waivz and litl wunz æ krouded around hur tu kis æ frinjez ov hur stár-spangld rób; and níaur urets nor entrítiz kud turn aem bak from folóin hur. And hwen æ Dra-gónianz sò æ kroun dat woz upon hur hed, æ tremblid and çruñk from hur géz; and aér dûks and prinsez kud not faind a singl woryur dat dèr opóz æ márc ov æ viktórius ármi só loñ az ci woz at its hed. And æ vaipuri wòlz ov Ded-mansvil fel doun, and Wurstovòl and hiz wocmen fled hiçur and ciçur tu sik for haidiñ plésez hwèr æ mait not mít æ glans ov hur ai.

And hwen Dûk Cúrman bigan tu nír ci ógun, and æ sound ov hiz trumpeturz róld aloñ æ Savanaz dat lé on æ kóst, Dûk Hárdihud, hú stud sentinel in dat kwortur, lost hiz fortitád and hiz

hárdnes, and hiz nervz grú limp and laks laik a wumanz; and hí gaðurd up hiz líjonz bai nait, and fled for refûj tu Curlztoun. But æ mûzik and trampiñ ov æ Fridónian ármi folód him ciáur olsó; só bí set fair tu æ siti and ran for hiz laif. And Fridíma enturd æ siti and wòkt arú æ stríts, and æ men ov Curlztoun grú jentl and kém out tu salût hur; and hwen dé sò hur æ bikém kaptivéted wiæ hur luvlines, and tuk an óu ñat æ wud wurçip æ Dragun nó mórr.

And hwen æ Dragun sò ñat Dûk Granit had klósli çut him up on wun said, and ñat Çúrman and Fridíma wer presiñ him hárd on ai uaur, and wud sún kut of hiz ónli lain ov ritrit, hí bigan tu pursív ñat hiz our woz at lenga kum. And hí róld and raið in agoni, and æ purspiréçun guðt out from binic hiz glosi skélz, and hí kud get nó slíp at naits, and hí had spazmz and kontorçunz ñat wer dredful tu bihóld. Ðen Jefur and Bóldrobin, ssiñ hou æ glóri ov ær aidul woz dipárted, konklüded tu lív him tu hiz fét and luk ónli tu æ séfti ov aemselvz and ær ármiz. And it woz disaide ñat Bóldrobin çud gó out and giv batl tu Dûk Granit, and if difited æ wud æn abandon æ pales and kapital, and mék ær wé soueward arú æ mountenz. Só Bóldrobin went out tu Hacet bruk, and ær hí met hiz konkurürz, and æ mód down hiz woryurz and ród bak and foru arú ær rañks and slóturd aem wiæ a grét slótur. And Dûk Hailand woz slén, and Yelwel woz surrounded and tékn. And Bóldrobin

turnd hiz fés tu æ mountenz, but æ kavalri ov Flítcerif wer on hiz trak, and hí kud turn níaur tu æ rait hand nor tu æ left. And hwen hí sò ai advansip ármi ov Dûk Granit klóziṇ around him, hiz jujment and hiz rízn riturnd, and hí rézd æ hwait banur and went out tu mít hiz advursari. And hí tuk of hiz helmet and plúmz, and méd hiz salutégun and prizented hiz wepn tu Dûk Granit; and Dûk Granit tuk him bai æ hand, and æ hacet woz berid.

And æer stil riménd Dûk Stónijon and forti gauzand Dragónian woryurz wociṇ on æ baṇks ov æ Fírful rivur for ai apróc ov Çúrman and Fridíma. And híriṇ ov æ dizastur ov Bóldrobin hí turnd himself tu flai, but Dûk Çúrman stud in hiz paṣ; and hwen hí sò ær woz nó eskép, hí ol-só urú doun hiz hacet at æ fit ov æ koṇkurur, and æ berid it ær. And æ sóljurz ov æ tú ármiz agén bikém bruaurz, and danst tugeaur binia æ kiṇz nū banur, intu æ tekscur ov hwic æ nérm ov Fridíma had bin inwóvn.

And æ Dragun, hwen hí found dat Bóldrobin and Stónijon had forsekn him, bít hiz forhed and laçt himself wiā hiz tél; and hiz atendants fled, siṇkiṇ hí wud stiṇ himself tu deu laik a skorpiun. And hí disapírd from hiz pales in æ nait, glaid-iṇ of intu æ wudz tu haid himself, and hí riturnd tu hóid hiz kórt ær nó mó. And æ kiṇ went doun tu sí hwot had bikum ov him, and hí found hiz pales emti. And hí egzamind æ dunjunz and cénz and æ instruments ov torcur hwic æ grizli

tairant had left bihaind him; and hí ópnd æ géts ov æ Liburtipenz and Gundurhouze and brót out æ kaptivz.

Nor woz Prins Jefur tu bí found at hiz óld habitéçun; for on æ dé hwen Bóldrobin prisen-ted himself tu Dûk Granit, hwic woz a hóli dé, hí herd æ taidiñz az hí sat wurgipiñ in a Dragó-nian templ, and hí róz up héstili and fled. And hí went swiftli tórd æ staurn sí, hópiñ tu faind sum Bulian vesel in hwic tu mék hiz eskép. But hí woz hemd in bai æ sóljurz ov æ kiñ dat wer evuri hwèr skouriñ æ kuntri. And hwen hí pur-sívd æ kés hí woz in, and had kum tu ai end ov hiz wits, and nû not hwot fcaur tu dú, hí rézd wun last and pitius prèr tu æ fácur ov æ Blak Dragun húz servant hí had bin; and ai óld disívur kompaçunéted him, and cénd him intu a wuman, and klad hur wiä fímél aparel, só dat qí mait not bí nón. But hí neglekted tu rimúv hur sandalz, hwic wer stroñ and servisabl, and hwic qí wiçt tu ritén. And wun morniñ az qí woz wòkiñ out wiä hur milkpél upon hur árm, qí sò dat æ gras woz dûi, and réziñ hur dres tu kíp it from getiñ wet, hur sandalz wer diskuvurd bai sum sóljurz dat wer pasiñ dat wé. And dé aprihen-ded hur and bid hur konfes tu aem hú qí woz. And qí wud not ansur, but tóld aem aé òt tu bí agémd tu mék wor upon wimin. And æ sól-jurz wud lisn tu nó entrítiz, but in spait ov hur struglz karid hur of tu aér ofisurz, bai húz or-durz qí woz lojd in a prizn.



## CAPTUR XVI

LIDÓ æ Dragónian ármiz wer nou disban-  
ded, and æ konflikt tu ðl outwurd apír-  
ans klózd, yet æ dímunz stil língurd tu  
kari out aér findic malevolens, and wer di-  
termind not tu yıld az loŋ az aer woz a  
singl instrument leſt tu dú aér bidiŋ. And  
Gaifðoks, æ móst krafti and dèriŋ ov aem  
ðl, enturd intu a Búa qat woz nír a matur, not  
fár from æ pales, and aér hí léd hiz planz for  
æ kiŋz distrükçun. For hí had brót up wiç him  
from ai uaur planet an aró, húz point had bin  
dipt in æ wotur ov dea, and its çast woz wiñd  
wiç æ feaſur ov ſertenti. And hí sòt oportâni  
tu eksplód it agenſt æ bodi ov æ kiŋ. And hí  
konsulted wiç ai uaur emisariz ov Prins Jefur,  
qat wer in Norland and Snóland, and aóz qat  
wer in Midlland, nír tu æ royal siti. And hí  
ſilekted for his kówurkurz Pourfulpén, and Hés-  
tiou, and Círat and Caildharuld, and Sekundár-  
nuld, and Mudpilz, and Láfiŋfind. And Círat in-  
vaited aem naithi tu baŋkwet in a spéçus kavurn  
nír æ kiŋz pales, hwèr æ Dragun woz sikríted.  
And aér aé konkoked helbroa and fed æ Drag-  
un, and nurigt hiz hóps qat hí mait yet hurl

Magnus Mahárba from hiz arón and get pozeşun ov ae kiñdum. And ae méd for aemselvz eksplósiv maçínz and misilz ov dea, and çárpnd aér dagurz, and asaind tu íc aktur hiz párt in ae dráma ae wer about tu purform. For ae purpust tu distroi ae kiñ and hiz lordz and Dük Granit ðl at ae sém móment, só dat ae mait ruç intu ae pales amid ae konfújun and konsturnégun ov ae pípl, and fiks ae Dragun só formli upon ae arón dat hí kud not bí displést.

And hwail ci enemiz ov ae kiñ wer plotiñ hiz distrükçun, wun ov ae hevnli wocurz kém tu him in a vijun ov ae nait, and pénted on hiz brén, az hí woz slípiñ, a dizmal pikeur ov blud and horurz; and hwen hí awók ae pikeur woz stil klír and distiñkt. And in ae morniñ hiz frendz kém tu vizit him, and ae sò dat hiz fés woz pél, and ae form ov hiz vizej disturbð. And hí tóld aem hiz drím, and hou hí had sín an óçun ov blud, and himself swimiñ aérin. And ae wocur dat had pénted ae drím had hwispurd in hiz ír dat ae grét dráma woz tu klóz at ci end ov fór yírz from ae taim it bigan; and dat ci óçun ov blud woz in rikwaital ov ae roñz dun tu ae Kuçanz; and dat for evuri drop dròn bai ae laç aer must bí anuaur dròn bai ae sórd; and hwotevur woz wontiñ tu mék ae rekompens perfekt must bí kanseld bai ae blud ov a kostli sakrifiaiz. And ae kiñz advaizurz went out and konsulted tugeaur praivetli, and sòt tu undurstand ae drím, but ae kud faind nun dat woz ébl tu divain ci interpreté-

gun. Yet aé dímd it ae hárbinjur ov ívl; and aé plést a strop gárd around ae pales bai wé ov prikógun, and anvaur tu woc ae kiñz persn. And aé kompúted ae taim ov fór yírz from ae komensment ov ae wor, hwen ae kiñz flag woz tórn doun from Stónipail kasl, and aé found ae píriud wud end on ae fórtína ov ai Ópnril munu, hwic woz ae dé ov Gudsakrifaiz. And aé sed, Let us mék it a glad and joiful dé, and a dé for ae selebréçun ov pís and vikturi, and for ai unfturliñ ov banurz, and for óréçunz and ilâminéçunz; and peradvencur ae çadó wil pas of fromi ae kiñz maind. And aé krévd purmiçun ov ae kiñ tu unfurl ai óld banur from ae sumit ov Stónipail kasl on ai aniversari ov its furst dizonur. And ae kiñ woz plízd, and gév komand tu hiz woryurz, and on ae ívniñ ov Gudsakrifaiz dé ae stár-spangld banur wuns mór wévd óvur ae rúinz ov ae kasl, and ae kanun pórð fóru aér joiful salût.

And ae sém ívniñ ae kiñ woz sitiñ in a pléhous, hwèr aé had purswéded him tu gó dat hí mait çék of ae burdn ov hiz kérz. And just az ae rór ov ae gunz around Stónipail kasl proklémd ae klóziñ ov ae grét dráma, Gaifòks and ai uaur dímunz hú asisted him hésted tu purform aér párts in ae konklúdiñ sín. And aé krept stekili intu ae pléhous hwèr ae kiñ had enturd, and az hí línd forwurd unsuspektiñli tu obzerv ai aktiñ ov ao pléurz, ai aró dat woz pointed wið det and wiñd wið ae featur ov sertenti struk him in ae bak ov hiz hed, and hí fel tu ae flór unkongus. And Gaifòks

spran up from bihaind æ kiñ, fluriçin hiz dagur and çoutiñ in ai írz ov òl æ pípl aat hí had slén a tairant. And hí lípt upon æ stéj, and out at æ dór, and woz gon. And æ sém our ov æ nait Pourfulpén enturd æ cémbur ov Lord Siwوردur, hú woz laiñ on a sik bed, and hí smót him and wud hav kild him, but æ silescal gárdianz arú aér gíldz óvur him and worded of æ blóz.

And æ kiñz servants rimúvd him tu a pravet cémbur and léð him doun tu dai. And hiz lordz and æ aat luvd him, and Fridíma, stud around hiz bed, and woct him until æ morniñ. And bikòz hiz vaitaliti woz stron, æ kiñ lingurd in hiz daiñ, and æ bodi and spirit strugld in aér unklaspiñ. And hwen æ sunlait lukt in at æ windó, æ wíri arobiñ síst; and æ kiñ gév up hiz góst, and it bikém disentangld from its atacments, and flóted upwúrd tu dwel wiæ ai imortalz. And Fridíma put hur lips tu æ kiñz klé, and kist hiz kóld fés, and gí sed, Alas, alas, aat aou gudst dai for mí! For if aou hadst not pitid aís soróful caild, and tékn hur párt hwen aer woz nun els aat kud dilivur hur, aou maitest stíl hav livd, pourful and onurd amuñ æ kiñz ov ai eru, and mai púr ném wud hav periçt from æ memuri ov men. And gí kuvvurd hur fés, and pórð fóra hur aŋwiç in a torent ov tírz.

And a vois ov wéliñ went up from æ royal siti, and it spred and inkríst in volyum az it róld óvur æ land. And òl æ gé sitiz wer sudenli drépt in æ wídz ov mórníñ; and æ sun

grú dárk and glúmi; and æ wordurz ov æ skai  
street aér kloudz ov krép óvur æ pilurz ov ai íst  
and west; and a pól woz spred óvur æ mounten  
tops and óvur æ lóli vélz, and òl æ tríz ov æ for-  
est wer frinjd wiæ fúnírial taslz; and men spók not  
for horur, and evuri puls pòzd in its bítin, az if  
æ krak ov dúm had sounded from a klír skai.

And hwen æ terur had abéted, a krai ov ven-  
jans aróz on ai èr, and æ Blak Dragun herd is  
in his haidin plés. And hí at wuns komprihen-  
ded dat æer woz nó den só dárk, nó gulf só díp,  
nó mounten só hai, az tu giv him a kwaiet rest-  
in plés on æ planet hwèr hí had dun aís díd.  
Só hí put on dárknes for his kuvuriñ, and kém  
out ov his hól, and gríkt a waild grík tu sumun æ  
dímunz dat çud akumpani him on his dipárcur.  
And hí rézd up his lofti form, and spred his pin-  
yunz for æ hóm ov his fágur; and æ móld ov  
obliviuñ setld on his wiñz az æ disapírd binia  
æ gundurkloudz dat skurted his dounwurd wé.

And Samuñkl sent out hunturz tu serc for æ  
men dat had enturténd æ dímunz, and had bin  
aér instruments in æ murdur ov æ kiñ. And hwen  
æ had kót aem, æ hañd aem up tu dai in æ  
sait ov æ mórnin and aŋgri hevnz. But æ kud  
not kil æ dímunz dat had instigéted aíz recez;  
for æ had gon out ov æ men and abundund aem  
tu aér fét, az sún az æ had nó furaur servis for  
aem tu purform.

Nou æer woz in dat kuntri a masiv and lofti  
kolum, on hwic it woz æ wunt ov História tu

rikord æ né mz ov dipárted híröz and stétsmen, and òl æ grét and gud øat wer dizerviñ ov ri membrans. It woz piramidal in form, and vast in dimençunz, and æ kloudz rested on its sumit. And aftur æ multitûdz had riturnd from vûnæ æ kinz korps, æ gacurd around æ monyument tu witnes ai inskraibiñ ov hiz né m. And História tuk hur longest ladur, and set it up agenst æ said ov æ kolum, and æ woct hur az çí asended; and Fridima klaimd up aftur hur tu sí hwèr çí wud put æ né m ov hur févurit. And hwail çí woz pasiñ óvur æ spot hwèr æ né mz wer móst uikli ritn, æ pípl gézd intentli, ekspektiñ evuri móment øat çí wud stop and begin. But çí went on and on, until çí had left æ vast kroud ov stétsmen and woryurz binia hur fit. And çí past æ loñ lain ov kinz, Kiñ Adam and Kiñ Jefur, and Kiñ Andrú, and Kiñ Adam ben Adam, hú bifrended Fridíma in hur caildhud, and Osami æ mártur, and òl æ filanaropists and márturz øat had givn aér laivz tu æ welfèr ov aér rés. And hwen æ pípl sò øat çí stil kept asendiñ, æ gév a loud çout, for æ den undurstud øat it woz a grét and nóbli kin øat had past awé from amuñ æm. Nou æer woz ritn, fár up and distiñkt from æ rest, just undur æ kloudz, a singl né m, in láj karakturz, yet skërsli vizibl for æ distans; æ né m woz

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And æé woct História as çí fikst hur ai upon æ spot; and Fridíma klóslí folód hur. And hwen çí had ríct æ plés, çí tuk from hur gurdl an ai-

urn stail, and plést hur hand on æ rok tu rait, just binía æ solitari ném. And hwail æ multitúd wer çoutiñ, and bifór æ rok woz pírst, Fridíma spók and sed, Mai sister, dú yú rimembur æ fór milyunz ov liburéted Kuçanz? And História dropt hur aiz, and riménd for a móment in aðt, aen stept upon æ nekst round, and plésiñ hur fiñgurz just óvur ai éncént leturz, bigan tu kárv æ rok wiæ a klír bólð strók. And òl æ pípl wer amézd and konfounded, for it woz a fikst bilif ov òl æ men ov ai Oksident qat nó ném kud evur bí ritn abuv qat ov æ fácur ov hiz kuntri. But hwen História wiædrú hur hand, and aé sò æ ném ov

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and nû qat it woz ritn for òl taim, in karakturz endúriñ az ai iternal hilz, aèr mainds wer ilúmin-éted, and aé sò wiæ nû aiz, and aèr çoutiñz wer céjed tu térz ov glad and wunduriñ ímóçun, and aé klaspt aèr handz in prér, and gév uañks tu æ God ov hevn qat hí had aloud aem tu luk upon æ fés ov só nöbl a kiñ and mártur, æ dilivurur and sévyur ov hiz kuntri.

And Samuñkl and òl æ pípl embámd æ bodi ov Kiñ Magnus Mahárba, and léd it in a túm; and hiz memuri aé embámd in aèr afekçunz. And æ néçunz ov ai Órient mórnd and lamented him; and æ Viktórius kwín ov Bulia tuct æ hárp ov soró; and aé kòld him bai æ ném ov Mahárba æ Gud. And Kiñ Andrú æ Sekund rénd in hiz sted.



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Á	á	párt	N	n	nonsense
B	b	build	N	n	sinking
C	c	children	O	o	honour
Ç	ç	glagrin	Ö	ö	broad
D	d	doubt	Ó	ó	ghost
Ð	ð	ðyðis	P	p	plough
Þ	þ	þúñk	Q	q	Qurán
E	e	men	R	r	rich
È	è	bear	S	s	soul
É	é	veil	T	t	trouble
F	f	fouglt	U	u	murmur
G	g	guess	Ü	ü	put
H	h	head	Í	í	rule
I	i	pítiful	Î	î	sue
Í	í	fiel	V	v	verse
J	j	joint	W	w	wicked
Ј	ј	bijal	X	x	Xristos
K	k	kindred	Y	y	yórmán
L	l	aside	Z	z	zealous

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